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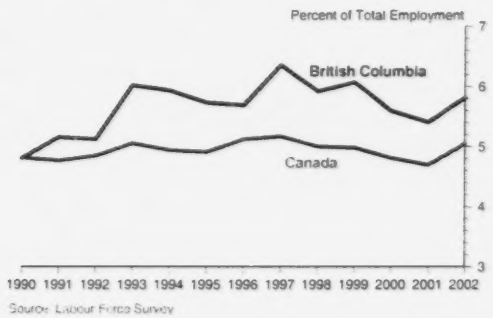
Moonlighting in British Columbia

After a rapid rise through the eighties and early nineties, it appears that the rate of *moonlighting*[1] has levelled off in British Columbia. Over the last decade, for the most part, the percentage of total employed (including self-employed) in BC that were multiple job holders has remained steady between 5.5% and 6.0%. For Canada as a whole, the rate has been even more stable, deviating only slightly from the five percent mark.

Moonlighting rates have been relatively stable over the last decade



Source: Labour Force Survey

Moonlighting and self-employment

People take a second job for different reasons. While financial reasons are generally what first come to mind, they are not the only explanation. There is evidence to suggest that many multiple jobholders are self-employed in their second job. These people may have entrepreneurial ambitions and perhaps wish to move away from paid employment into self-employment altogether. Others may simply want to pursue another area of employment out of personal interest and have no intention of ever quitting their day job, so to speak.

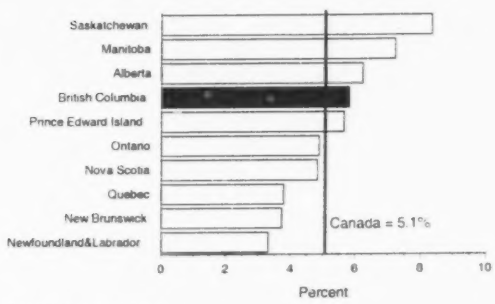
One factor contributing to the significant increase in moonlighters could be the corresponding rise in self-employment. Self-employed in BC as a percent of all employed experienced a strong increase through the eighties, rising from 12% in 1980 to 17% by the early nineties. The greater incidence of part-time employment may also be partially responsible. In BC, the percentage of people working part-time increased from around 15% in the late seventies to 20% in the early nineties and has remained fairly steady at or around that mark since that time (although there was a significant increase in 2002 to almost 23%). It is possible that people who could find only part-time work needed to supplement their income with a second part-time job.

Provincial distribution

Although British Columbia has a higher percentage of moonlighters than the Canadian average, it ranked only fourth in the country in 2002. The Prairie Provinces ranked as the top three, with Saskatchewan leading the way, followed by Manitoba.

[1] A *moonlighter* is defined as a person, including someone who is self-employed, who has two or more jobs, or who owns or operates two or more businesses at the same time.

BC ranks fourth among the provinces in terms of moonlighters as a percent of all workers



Source: Labour Force Survey

Those provinces with the smallest percentage of moonlighters also tend to have higher unemployment rates. It makes sense that in a province where it is difficult to find a first job, it is also less likely that someone will hold more than one job. The one exception is Prince Edward Island, which is among the leaders in rate of unemployment, but is also above the Canadian average in percentage of multiple jobholders.

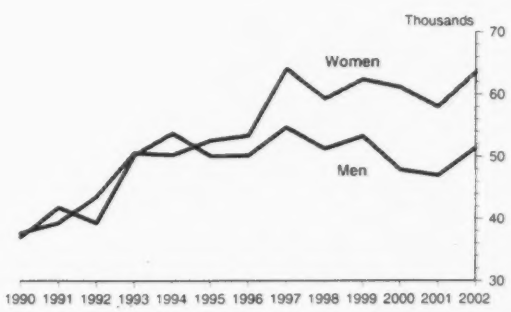
The industrial composition of the provinces is probably one of the main reasons for the difference in rates of moonlighting. The industries with the highest incidence of moonlighting[2] are health care and social assistance, agriculture, and educational services. The Prairie Provinces and Prince Edward Island have the largest agricultural sectors in the country, which likely explains why they have above average rates of moonlighting. For P.E.I., although it has a comparable percentage of agricultural workers to Manitoba, its significantly higher rate of unemployment has likely suppressed the number of multiple jobholders to some extent.

Since agriculture is not a large industry in British Columbia, there must be other reasons explaining the higher than average incidence of moonlighting in this province. The demographic make-up of the province is one likely explanation. BC has a higher percentage of people over the age of 65 compared to the Canadian average, which likely translates to a greater need for health care services. As noted above, workers in the health care industry are more likely to have more than one job than those in other industries. Also, BC has a much higher percentage of immigrants compared to other provinces. Studies have shown that more recent immigrants are more likely to become self-employed than people born in Canada. It is possible, since many multiple jobholders are self-employed in at least one of their jobs, that this is part of the reason for BC's greater incidence of moonlighters. The higher cost of living in BC, particularly in the Greater Vancouver and Victoria areas, may also contribute to a higher rate of multiple jobholding, as more people may need to take a second job for financial reasons.

Who is moonlighting?

In BC, the highest rate of moonlighting is in the 15 to 24 age range (7.4% in 2002), while older workers, 55 and over, are the least likeliest (4.2%). The higher rates among young people may be due to difficulty in finding full-time, well-paid employment.

There are more women than men moonlighting in BC



Source: Labour Force Survey

[2] Where the specified industry is wherein the main job is situated.

In terms of gender differences, women in BC were far more likely to be holding more than one job than men. In 2002, 6.8% of working women held two jobs or more, compared to 4.9% of men. These percentages translated into larger absolute numbers as well, as female moonlighters outnumbered those that were men by over 12,000 in 2002.

Hours worked

It is not all that surprising that, on average, having more than one job leads to more hours worked. In 2002, a third of moonlighters in BC worked more than 50 hours in a week. This compares to only 9% for those working only one job. However, as is the case for workers as a whole, hours worked by moonlighters has been declining. In the early nineties over 40% of multiple jobholders were working 50 hours or more a week.

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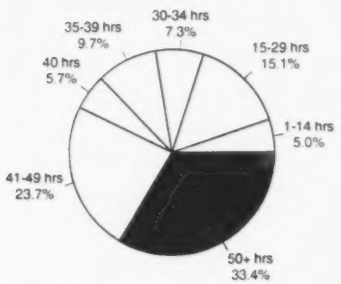

Source: Labour Force Survey

Conclusion

The growth in the number of moonlighters has levelled off in recent years, but there is no sign that multiple jobholding will decline any time soon. Economic conditions, cost of living, entrepreneurial aspirations and opportunities for training are all possible factors in the decision to work in more than one job. For those who want to pursue their own small business interests, moonlighting can provide a bridge between being a paid employee and becoming totally self-employed

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Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted
Ave: average
bd ft: board feet
C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen
Can: Canada, Canadian
GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9
m3: cubic metres
mil: million
MLS: Multiple Listing Service
Moly: molybdenum
mth: month (as in: previous mth)
NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System
SA: seasonally adjusted
T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange
US: United States of America
WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada

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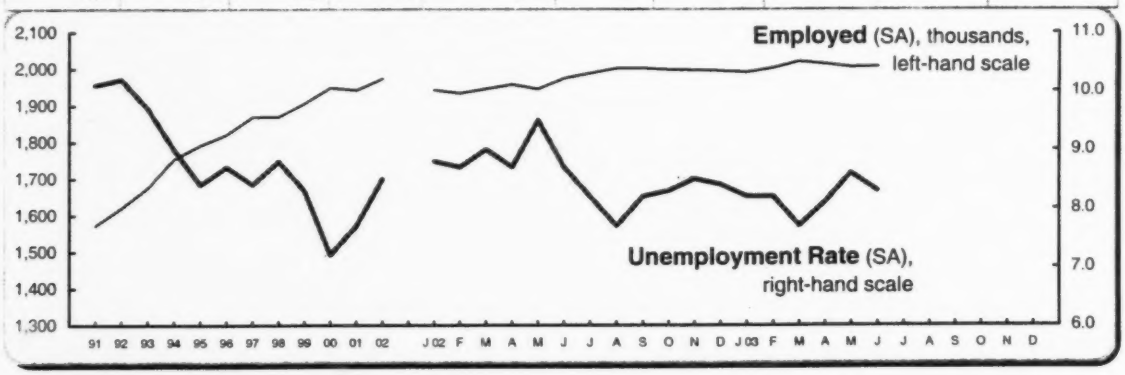
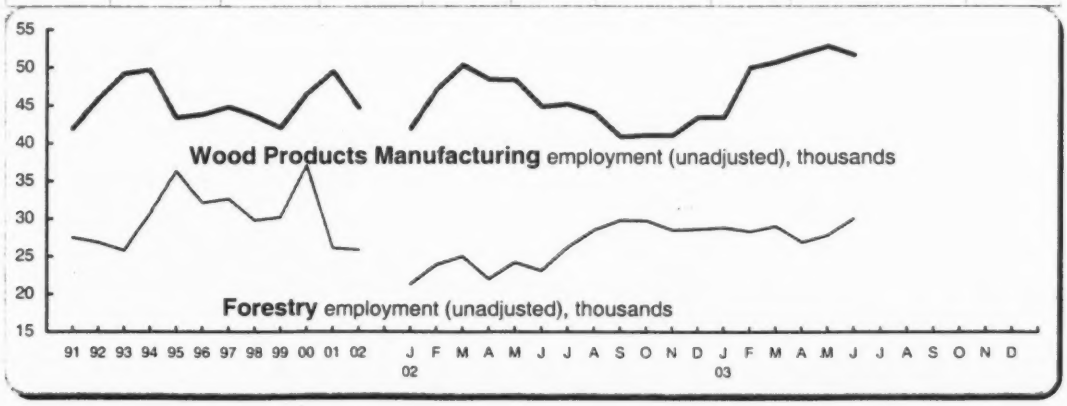
	Labour Force Activity						Earnings		Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits	
	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Help Wanted Index	Wages and Salaries	Average Weekly Wage Rate	Number of Beneficiaries	$
Period	Thousands of persons		%		Number	1996=100	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted				Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted			Unadjusted	
1999	2,079.1	1,906.4	8.3	65.1	32.5	129.1	56,263.5	625.22	819,410	1,003,814.9
2000	2,099.7	1,949.1	7.2	64.9	33.3	147.1	60,270.2	637.07	699,230	847,365.1
2001	2,103.5	1,942.4	7.7	64.1	32.2	117.8	61,495.9	645.70	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,157.8	1,973.4	8.5	64.9	32.0	92.1	62,984.9	667.51	817,850	1,073,203.5
Jan-01	2,095.1	1,942.9	7.3	64.3	33.3	138.2	5,136.7	640.63	74,160	104,218.5
Feb-01	2,108.4	1,954.1	7.3	64.6	33.3	134.1	5,160.1	643.13	73,010	88,292.4
Mar-01	2,111.9	1,973.4	6.6	64.7	33.7	130.2	5,149.8	650.17	68,240	82,012.7
Apr-01	2,102.9	1,955.7	7.0	64.3	31.0	126.8	5,110.4	650.42	64,810	86,742.6
May-01	2,113.8	1,969.8	6.8	64.6	33.1	123.5	5,121.4	649.78	59,760	77,271.1
Jun-01	2,100.3	1,948.7	7.2	64.1	33.3	120.2	5,123.0	649.40	53,110	65,653.3
Jul-01	2,102.8	1,946.3	7.4	64.1	31.1	116.6	5,110.7	638.50	55,710	73,137.9
Aug-01	2,099.1	1,929.3	8.1	63.9	30.0	112.7	5,120.5	642.30	57,000	70,407.7
Sep-01	2,089.3	1,925.4	7.8	63.5	32.9	108.7	5,090.5	645.68	46,880	67,255.0
Oct-01	2,092.3	1,918.0	8.3	63.5	29.4	104.8	5,099.9	643.68	52,400	69,695.6
Nov-01	2,105.6	1,924.7	8.6	63.9	32.3	101.5	5,114.3	650.84	64,870	76,593.3
Dec-01	2,121.4	1,916.9	9.6	64.3	32.7	98.9	5,158.7	643.66	75,940	96,081.3
Jan-02	2,130.1	1,942.4	8.8	64.5	32.7	97.2	5,189.8	656.05	86,240	126,382.5
Feb-02	2,118.7	1,933.7	8.7	64.1	32.7	96.2	5,195.3	656.21	84,530	105,181.7
Mar-02	2,137.1	1,945.3	9.0	64.5	32.9	95.8	5,173.3	663.44	80,450	97,688.8
Apr-02	2,143.1	1,957.2	8.7	64.6	33.1	95.5	5,177.5	668.06	73,810	112,710.7
May-02	2,148.4	1,944.8	9.5	64.7	33.4	95.0	5,210.6	670.27	66,480	84,417.3
Jun-02	2,161.5	1,974.1	8.7	65.0	33.4	94.0	5,208.1	668.57	59,980	74,038.7
Jul-02	2,164.6	1,987.8	8.2	65.0	31.4	92.7	5,241.6	663.53	60,240	84,237.6
Aug-02	2,167.7	2,001.6	7.7	65.1	30.6	90.9	5,260.7	667.96	61,760	75,877.0
Sep-02	2,179.4	2,001.3	8.2	65.3	33.0	89.0	5,280.4	668.84	51,480	78,346.4
Oct-02	2,179.3	1,997.9	8.3	65.3	29.0	87.2	5,312.8	671.53	55,780	65,877.8
Nov-02	2,183.1	1,997.2	8.5	65.3	29.3	85.5	5,368.0	678.18	65,070	72,695.9
Dec-02	2,176.9	1,994.6	8.4	65.1	32.1	83.9	5,366.8	676.45	72,030	95,749.2
Jan-03	2,167.3	1,990.3	8.2	64.8	32.2	82.5	5,403.2	679.52	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,180.1	2,002.0	8.2	65.1	32.7	81.2	5,400.8	679.14	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,187.6	2,019.7	7.7	65.3	32.8	80.2	5,375.0	682.00	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,189.5	2,012.3	8.1	65.2	29.0	79.6	-	680.37	70,940	86,968.3
May-03	2,193.2	2,004.5	8.6	65.3	33.2	-	-	684.33	65,670	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,187.7	2,006.6	8.3	65.0	33.5	-	-	688.57	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,184.2	a 2,005.9	a 8.2	a 65.1	a 32.2	a 80.9	t 16,179.0	a 682.32	a 73,760	t 478.7
% change	2.1	2.9	n/a	n/a	-2.4	-15.9	4.0	2.8	-5.8	-9.1
Last 12 months	2,179.7	2,001.3	8.2	65.2	31.6	86.8	63,605.6	676.70	66,262	1,025,487.8
Previous 12	2,120.8	1,938.2	8.6	64.2	32.2	106.0	61,607.7	653.94	66,452	1,045,205.1
% change	2.8	3.3	n/a	n/a	-2.0	-18.1	3.2	3.5	-0.3	-1.9
% ch. year ago	1.2	1.6	n/a	n/a	0.3	-16.6	3.9	3.0	-1.2	-2.6
% ch prev mnth	-0.3	0.1	n/a	n/a	0.9	-0.7	-0.5	0.6	-7.4	-5.4



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
1999	396.5	28.6	30.2	4.0	14.8	11.5	115.3	18.4	42.0	22.3	192.2
2000	414.4	29.7	37.1	4.8	13.4	11.3	112.5	19.8	46.5	17.7	205.4
2001	392.0	25.9	26.1	5.4	11.8	11.7	114.9	22.5	49.5	15.0	196.2
2002	399.0	30.1	25.9	3.3	9.7	12.4	120.6	23.8	44.7	16.7	196.9
Jan-01	400.1	24.0	30.2	2.5	12.6	10.2	104.7	23.4	51.2	12.5	212.8
Feb-01	405.8	30.3	29.3	4.1	10.6	10.7	111.8	22.7	53.4	14.2	207.2
Mar-01	411.5	29.4	24.2	8.9	10.1	10.3	118.6	26.5	54.2	14.5	208.8
Apr-01	408.4	28.4	21.2	7.5	8.2	13.1	119.6	24.8	49.1	15.8	205.7
May-01	398.6	23.8	24.4	8.0	10.1	13.2	118.5	26.3	50.5	17.8	199.6
Jun-01	393.2	23.6	23.7	6.5	11.8	12.7	119.2	27.2	47.6	18.7	196.3
Jul-01	392.0	24.3	28.3	5.9	11.1	12.8	121.0	21.5	51.8	17.9	191.4
Aug-01	388.7	27.0	30.3	5.1	12.6	12.9	113.0	23.3	50.3	16.0	190.9
Sep-01	391.0	25.5	29.5	4.4	14.6	11.7	114.2	20.1	49.3	12.8	194.1
Oct-01	380.0	24.9	27.4	3.5	13.7	11.9	115.1	20.4	47.1	12.9	186.1
Nov-01	371.5	26.3	23.4	4.3	13.1	10.6	113.9	17.1	42.9	13.5	180.1
Dec-01	363.6	24.8	21.4	3.9	12.4	10.0	107.8	16.9	46.3	13.8	182.6
Jan-02	381.0	25.3	21.3	2.8	12.4	12.8	119.4	16.3	41.9	16.3	184.4
Feb-02	384.2	24.7	23.9	1.7	11.6	11.0	114.6	21.5	47.1	17.6	195.1
Mar-02	387.2	26.2	25.0	2.1	11.2	12.3	113.3	18.7	50.3	21.1	195.8
Apr-02	388.6	26.2	22.0	2.5	9.3	11.2	116.8	20.0	48.4	19.0	196.2
May-02	385.7	28.5	24.2	2.3	8.8	14.1	117.5	20.2	48.3	19.4	189.4
Jun-02	392.8	30.4	23.1	2.6	9.6	13.7	117.7	24.4	44.8	18.1	196.1
Jul-02	401.9	30.2	26.2	3.0	10.5	12.7	120.7	27.6	45.1	16.7	200.9
Aug-02	408.7	31.8	28.5	4.9	8.2	12.1	125.3	30.1	44.0	14.0	200.9
Sep-02	410.3	33.1	29.8	4.1	8.8	12.2	124.6	30.8	40.8	15.5	200.5
Oct-02	414.7	33.5	29.7	5.4	9.4	11.4	128.4	27.5	41.0	15.3	199.8
Nov-02	413.8	33.1	28.5	4.3	8.2	12.3	124.1	26.8	41.0	12.9	203.5
Dec-02	416.5	35.9	28.6	4.2	8.5	13.0	123.9	22.1	43.4	14.7	201.6
Jan-03	416.0	33.4	28.8	6.4	7.6	12.2	124.1	24.1	43.4	18.3	201.3
Feb-03	421.9	35.7	28.3	4.0	12.2	13.4	119.7	26.5	49.9	15.8	207.0
Mar-03	435.3	39.6	29.0	4.1	15.5	14.6	121.8	24.0	50.7	15.5	210.0
Apr-03	424.8	35.6	26.9	2.3	14.6	14.4	116.9	24.8	51.8	14.5	208.7
May-03	428.7	35.3	27.8	2.4	18.5	14.7	118.5	25.4	52.8	14.2	210.4
Jun-03	424.1	33.5	30.0	5.2	15.4	14.0	123.0	24.8	51.6	16.5	203.5
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(f-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 425.1	a 35.5	a 28.5	a 4.1	a 14.0	a 13.9	a 120.7	a 24.9	a 50.0	a 15.8	a 206.8
% change	10.0	32.1	22.4	74.3	33.2	10.9	3.5	23.5	6.9	-15.0	7.3
Last 12 months	418.1	34.2	28.5	4.2	11.5	13.1	122.6	26.2	46.3	15.3	204.0
Previous 12	383.9	26.2	25.0	3.4	11.7	12.1	115.4	20.0	47.4	16.5	190.2
% change	8.9	30.8	14.1	22.4	-2.1	8.3	6.3	30.8	-2.3	-7.3	7.3
% ch. year ago	8.0	10.2	29.9	100.0	60.4	2.2	4.5	1.6	15.2	-8.8	3.8
% ch prev mnth	-1.1	-5.1	7.9	116.7	-16.8	-4.8	3.8	-2.4	-2.3	16.2	-3.3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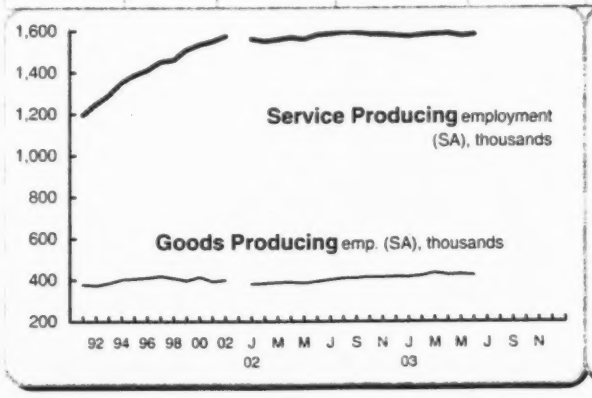
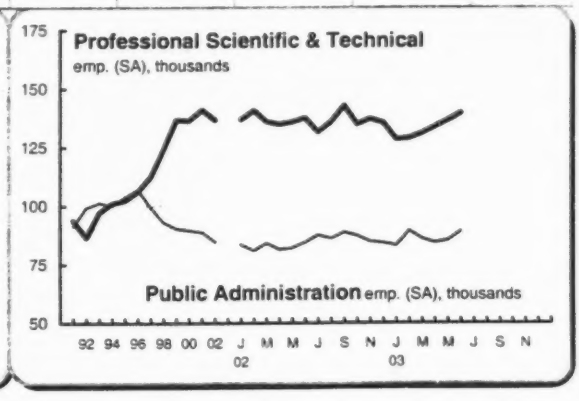
3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
1999	1,509.9	308.5	117.9	119.9	136.7	127.5	195.2	91.6	152.7	90.4
2000	1,534.7	303.2	114.4	119.5	136.4	134.9	202.1	99.3	164.0	89.7
2001	1,550.4	309.5	106.9	116.2	141.0	135.7	203.8	106.2	170.6	88.8
2002	1,574.4	319.0	110.1	118.9	136.7	139.7	217.3	105.6	171.0	84.7
Jan-01	1,542.8	307.9	108.2	122.9	138.1	134.2	194.1	108.0	170.7	86.8
Feb-01	1,548.4	301.1	106.6	122.8	138.9	136.6	188.3	110.2	182.5	89.1
Mar-01	1,562.0	309.4	114.3	118.4	138.5	130.6	205.1	114.7	175.8	89.4
Apr-01	1,547.3	301.4	110.4	122.0	143.3	132.5	198.7	108.5	168.8	90.9
May-01	1,571.2	312.4	105.8	118.3	141.9	137.4	209.6	108.5	172.0	96.3
Jun-01	1,555.5	303.4	103.9	119.7	151.7	130.2	211.4	103.2	165.4	90.7
Jul-01	1,554.4	304.1	105.4	115.4	146.6	133.3	213.2	103.3	168.9	88.6
Aug-01	1,540.6	307.9	105.8	118.4	142.2	133.1	208.2	103.4	168.6	88.5
Sep-01	1,534.4	311.5	108.5	111.0	140.3	134.8	204.2	102.3	163.4	84.7
Oct-01	1,538.1	313.3	106.7	111.1	142.4	137.1	197.2	104.7	169.8	84.5
Nov-01	1,553.3	312.6	107.2	106.2	137.7	146.4	203.0	102.9	162.8	89.3
Dec-01	1,553.3	317.5	100.3	108.6	131.0	140.6	212.2	104.3	179.5	85.8
Jan-02	1,561.4	311.2	106.4	115.6	137.0	138.7	215.3	108.0	175.1	83.5
Feb-02	1,549.5	311.9	107.0	111.7	140.8	134.7	210.2	101.7	175.7	81.0
Mar-02	1,558.1	303.2	104.8	110.0	136.0	139.5	211.4	107.1	180.1	84.1
Apr-02	1,568.6	321.1	106.2	108.2	134.9	143.1	216.3	103.4	179.0	81.4
May-02	1,559.1	320.4	107.0	111.5	135.8	138.9	213.6	99.3	173.1	82.1
Jun-02	1,581.4	319.0	109.4	118.9	137.6	141.0	218.7	107.1	172.1	84.5
Jul-02	1,586.0	323.8	113.0	118.8	131.5	141.7	222.4	109.2	170.2	87.6
Aug-02	1,593.0	323.5	108.7	123.5	135.8	147.0	218.0	118.1	167.0	86.1
Sep-02	1,591.1	323.8	116.7	123.9	142.7	141.9	218.0	103.1	166.1	88.8
Oct-02	1,583.2	322.0	114.9	128.4	134.9	137.7	223.8	100.2	165.1	87.3
Nov-02	1,583.5	321.6	111.7	127.8	137.2	136.1	220.9	106.1	167.1	84.8
Dec-02	1,578.1	324.9	115.4	128.9	135.5	138.2	219.6	102.7	161.9	84.2
Jan-03	1,574.2	328.3	116.7	128.4	128.4	148.4	207.5	101.1	162.6	83.1
Feb-03	1,580.1	323.6	116.6	127.9	129.0	150.0	211.8	101.2	159.8	89.4
Mar-03	1,584.4	318.7	119.8	127.7	131.0	153.7	211.6	101.7	159.6	86.0
Apr-03	1,587.5	321.7	114.3	128.9	133.7	149.5	214.5	107.7	156.9	84.4
May-03	1,575.8	314.7	117.5	119.8	136.6	148.9	210.9	108.4	155.4	85.3
Jun-03	1,582.5	316.8	111.2	122.0	139.7	145.1	214.3	105.5	160.2	89.2
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,580.8	a 320.6	a 116.0	a 125.8	a 133.1	a 149.3	a 211.8	a 104.3	a 159.1	a 86.2
% change	1.1	2.0	8.6	11.7	-2.9	7.1	-1.2	-0.2	-9.5	4.2
Last 12 months	1,583.3	322.0	114.7	125.5	134.7	144.9	216.1	105.4	162.7	86.4
Previous 12	1,554.4	313.6	106.2	112.2	138.5	138.4	210.3	104.0	172.3	84.8
% change	1.9	2.6	8.0	11.8	-2.8	4.6	2.8	1.4	-5.6	1.8
% ch. year ago	0.1	-0.7	1.6	2.6	1.5	2.9	-2.0	-1.5	-6.9	5.6
% ch prev mnth	0.4	0.7	-5.4	1.8	2.3	-2.6	1.6	-2.7	3.1	4.6

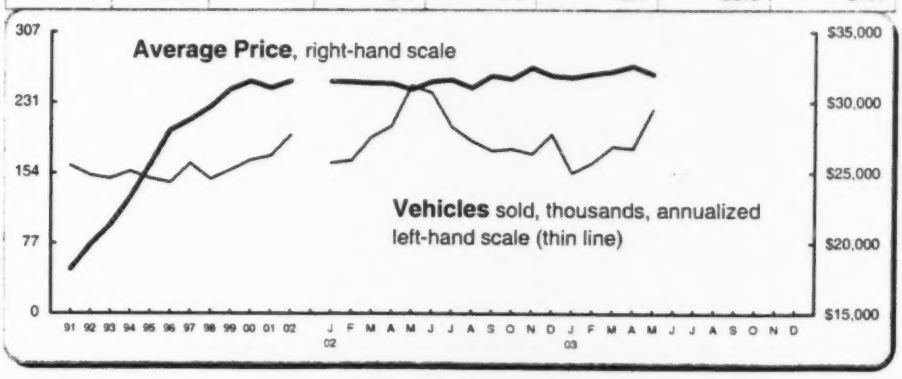




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

	Business			Consumer				
	Business	Bankruptcies		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
		Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada						
	Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	Unadjusted				SA		Unadjusted	
1999	21,009	1,077	8,181	111.2	33,684.3	2,202.0	157,213	4,865,611
2000	21,515	980	9,184	113.3	35,820.6	2,151.5	167,770	5,286,870
2001	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	37,979.1	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	40,272.6	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
Jan-01	1,595	93	773	114.5	3,077.4	134.2	10,600	326,444
Feb-01	1,466	86	818	112.6	3,114.5	137.5	10,713	334,033
Mar-01	2,175	93	912	113.3	3,111.6	169.1	15,574	496,910
Apr-01	1,494	92	744	115.0	3,116.0	172.9	15,568	486,416
May-01	1,842	90	892	115.6	3,151.2	182.9	17,983	546,264
Jun-01	1,661	88	847	116.3	3,181.8	183.9	17,106	532,138
Jul-01	1,585	79	694	116.3	3,180.8	183.4	13,945	425,172
Aug-01	1,536	87	827	116.1	3,183.6	193.7	14,394	437,731
Sep-01	1,383	70	711	116.7	3,173.6	182.5	13,340	407,631
Oct-01	1,785	117	840	115.8	3,177.0	202.1	12,991	403,885
Nov-01	1,667	109	795	114.9	3,222.4	234.3	14,556	459,236
Dec-01	1,560	96	621	114.8	3,289.1	368.3	15,836	500,780
Jan-02	1,504	103	805	115.4	3,285.2	144.3	13,737	432,290
Feb-02	1,876	118	803	115.9	3,312.7	143.6	13,965	439,351
Mar-02	1,655	104	861	116.6	3,300.9	176.5	16,071	504,331
Apr-02	1,944	119	846	117.7	3,329.8	182.0	17,098	536,147
May-02	1,849	97	817	118.1	3,371.8	196.7	20,729	640,620
Jun-02	1,624	83	809	118.2	3,410.6	195.9	20,099	632,543
Jul-02	2,034	85	796	118.5	3,347.6	188.6	17,009	537,576
Aug-02	1,524	88	797	118.7	3,359.7	198.6	15,728	488,008
Sep-02	1,755	66	795	118.8	3,357.8	187.0	14,829	472,900
Oct-02	2,000	97	851	118.7	3,398.6	201.3	14,986	474,423
Nov-02	1,901	61	717	118.9	3,416.0	243.6	14,557	472,875
Dec-02	1,596	84	630	118.8	3,381.9	367.2	16,324	520,565
Jan-03	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,431.1	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,468.5	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,375.9	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,404.2	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	1,747	68	761	120.4	3,388.6	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	2,047	-	-	120.2	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 11,516	t 457	t 4,090	a 120.0	t 17,068.3	t 869.6	t 75,421	t 2,422,571
% change	10.2	-15.5	-1.0	2.6	2.8	3.2	-7.6	-5.1
Last 12 months	22,326	1,021	9,485	119.4	40,740.5	2,451.8	188,953	6,021,461
Previous 12	19,968	1,187	9,467	116.4	39,008.8	2,391.3	183,768	5,719,312
% change	11.8	-14.0	0.2	2.6	4.4	2.5	2.8	5.3
% ch. year ago	26.0	-29.9	-6.9	1.7	0.5	4.9	-10.3	-7.1
% ch prev mnth	17.2	-26.1	-11.7	-0.2	-0.5	10.1	23.6	21.4



5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
1999	29,113.3	19,370.7	4,468.3	27,169.8	344.86	1,218.08	1.06	413.78	7.77	8.71	28.73
2000	33,749.9	22,196.1	4,890.5	30,804.4	480.11	804.60	1.22	413.95	7.35	9.11	44.88
2001	31,780.0	22,110.1	4,058.0	31,643.7	383.47	839.49	1.11	419.83	6.79	0.62	40.29
2002	28,842.6	19,504.4	3,869.3	31,503.2	368.25	727.84	1.11	486.82	7.23	0.56	37.19
Jan-01	3,055.1	2,134.1	405.4	2,644.6	272.81	1,065.94	1.22	397.99	6.99	0.70	45.18
Feb-01	2,827.2	1,963.4	337.5	2,532.9	287.22	1,045.66	1.22	396.23	6.93	0.70	45.78
Mar-01	2,941.4	2,033.5	370.7	2,900.8	319.16	1,000.51	1.23	410.23	6.87	0.71	42.40
Apr-01	3,143.3	2,254.3	367.0	2,681.0	389.35	928.98	1.18	407.28	6.81	0.69	43.30
May-01	3,158.2	2,303.9	355.7	2,685.4	514.06	869.13	1.18	417.37	6.82	0.66	44.17
Jun-01	2,559.1	1,769.8	344.7	2,895.5	452.75	799.92	1.11	411.17	6.67	0.62	41.94
Jul-01	2,620.6	1,804.0	351.7	2,684.1	406.68	744.71	1.05	408.78	6.50	0.59	40.79
Aug-01	2,545.2	1,805.7	298.1	2,741.5	478.36	706.65	1.03	420.72	6.49	0.58	41.97
Sep-01	2,287.7	1,641.0	289.6	2,538.7	435.04	706.12	1.01	448.65	6.92	0.56	40.75
Oct-01	2,360.3	1,560.1	316.4	2,799.3	347.21	722.28	0.98	443.69	6.88	0.54	34.88
Nov-01	2,219.1	1,472.3	328.5	2,527.5	356.70	743.63	1.03	439.51	6.56	0.56	31.42
Dec-01	2,062.8	1,368.1	292.7	2,012.3	342.32	740.34	1.05	436.31	6.98	0.54	30.92
Jan-02	2,130.8	1,518.4	232.6	2,200.8	374.07	748.73	1.09	450.50	7.20	0.58	31.75
Feb-02	2,215.7	1,537.7	255.6	2,420.4	410.93	726.50	1.13	471.56	7.10	0.61	32.97
Mar-02	2,535.4	1,743.9	335.0	2,450.4	463.73	699.27	1.16	466.68	7.25	0.63	38.95
Apr-02	2,626.8	1,860.0	283.6	2,780.3	433.29	685.73	1.14	478.65	7.29	0.58	40.85
May-02	2,656.9	1,888.1	354.8	2,494.0	409.42	696.57	1.12	487.35	7.26	0.54	41.49
Jun-02	2,300.4	1,458.6	333.0	2,621.8	379.09	722.21	1.15	491.77	7.49	0.53	39.06
Jul-02	2,411.3	1,593.5	351.4	2,641.4	374.50	749.23	1.10	484.88	7.60	0.55	41.89
Aug-02	2,431.2	1,656.8	352.3	2,705.3	354.35	769.87	1.05	486.68	7.12	0.56	44.86
Sep-02	2,396.2	1,622.8	317.2	2,914.1	315.17	766.30	1.05	503.47	7.18	0.54	47.02
Oct-02	2,522.1	1,709.3	359.2	2,944.5	309.25	749.38	1.06	499.47	6.95	0.54	45.68
Nov-02	2,391.4	1,576.0	322.2	2,731.7	287.96	724.98	1.13	501.38	7.09	0.55	41.75
Dec-02	2,224.4	1,339.4	372.5	2,598.4	307.19	695.33	1.13	519.43	7.23	0.56	-
Jan-03	2,640.3	1,851.0	307.6	2,404.7	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	-
Feb-03	2,313.1	1,496.7	303.1	2,453.7	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	-
Mar-03	2,702.2	1,835.6	319.4	2,907.7	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	-
Apr-03	2,637.6	1,836.7	306.3	2,755.0	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	-
May-03	2,574.4	1,904.2	261.8	2,637.1	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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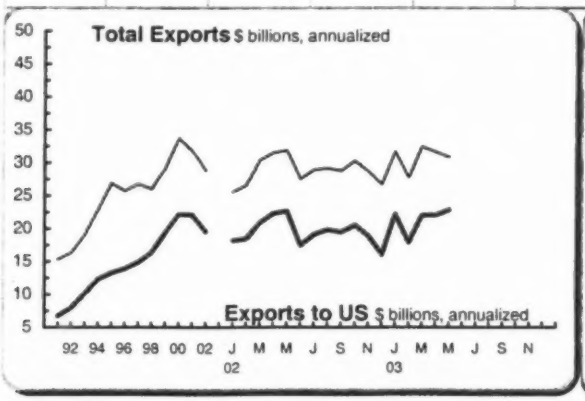
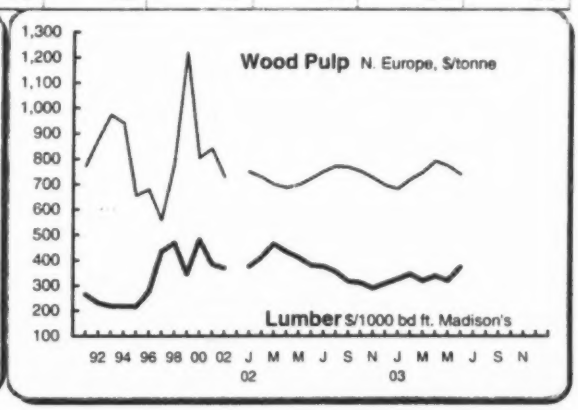
% change	5.8	4.4	2.5	6.6	-18.4	3.9	-3.8	7.0	-7.4	-11.0	-1.4
Last 12 months	29,544.7	19,880.5	3,906.1	32,315.3	330.36	741.62	1.09	503.40	6.96	0.53	39.77
Previous 12	28,820.3	19,969.1	3,683.2	30,544.9	403.07	720.23	1.08	453.68	6.99	0.57	41.34
% change	2.5	-0.4	6.1	5.8	-18.0	3.0	0.9	11.0	-0 5	-6.6	-3.8
% ch. year ago	-3.1	0.9	-26.2	5.7	-1.9	2.2	-10.4	-2.0	-17.1	-7.5	32.9
% ch prev mnth	-2.4	3.7	-14.5	-4.3	16.8	-4.5	-1.0	-1.7	-5.3	2.1	-8.6

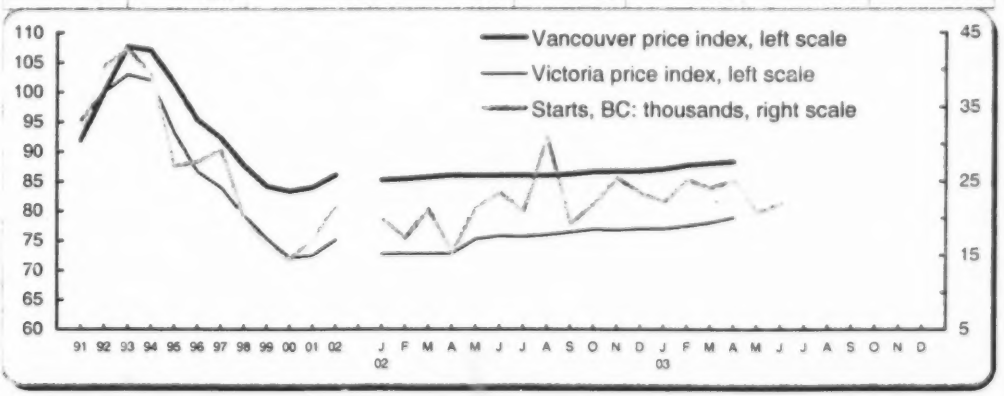




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

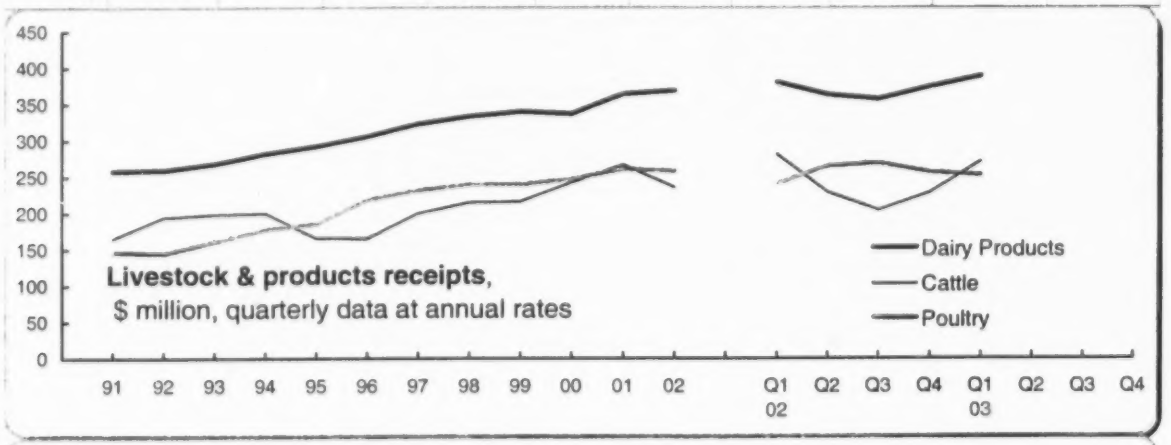
	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)				Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average
	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	Sale Price
	$ thousand				Thousands	1997=100		$
Period	Seasonally Adjusted				SAAR	Unadjusted		
1999	2,591,740	319,145	1,142,105	642,511	16.3	84.1	75.3	215,283
2000	2,403,140	295,525	1,297,270	496,062	14.4	83.3	72.1	216,989
2001	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	84.0	72.5	220,952
2002	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	86.0	75.1	238,758
Jan-01	255,306	13,334	106,066	40,488	18.6	83.0	72.0	212,316
Feb-01	192,025	17,744	152,825	42,311	15.7	83.1	72.3	219,457
Mar-01	220,914	34,167	105,780	35,866	14.5	83.2	72.3	220,108
Apr-01	209,409	21,389	123,401	94,240	17.4	83.3	72.3	218,326
May-01	273,919	18,884	106,136	81,775	17.5	83.5	72.4	225,365
Jun-01	252,338	16,692	112,650	62,600	18.4	83.6	72.4	220,747
Jul-01	253,825	20,184	98,679	100,429	17.5	84.1	72.6	223,208
Aug-01	222,431	20,077	89,505	50,023	15.1	84.2	72.6	222,995
Sep-01	203,800	16,860	72,013	116,597	17.6	84.5	72.5	222,817
Oct-01	292,208	17,653	75,726	49,949	19.2	84.8	72.6	218,773
Nov-01	199,559	14,551	68,478	28,268	17.5	85.1	72.7	220,346
Dec-01	254,141	9,818	59,974	29,766	17.0	85.0	72.7	226,524
Jan-02	267,208	9,047	126,551	15,140	19.9	85.2	72.7	227,278
Feb-02	298,083	7,837	70,847	28,726	17.3	85.4	72.8	239,065
Mar-02	314,262	8,965	75,508	45,184	21.2	85.7	72.8	240,277
Apr-02	355,054	40,967	90,266	30,001	15.4	86.0	72.8	241,274
May-02	280,270	13,653	76,347	45,177	21.5	86.0	75.3	240,626
Jun-02	291,375	18,780	126,673	42,078	23.5	86.0	75.8	237,494
Jul-02	295,338	44,226	83,454	40,013	20.8	86.0	75.7	232,181
Aug-02	346,185	21,649	69,729	33,380	31.0	86.0	76.0	233,105
Sep-02	302,575	13,330	105,675	35,673	19.2	86.2	76.4	241,662
Oct-02	391,734	19,862	103,331	35,024	21.9	86.6	76.9	240,719
Nov-02	321,327	19,811	98,536	33,440	25.4	86.7	76.8	245,895
Dec-02	424,740	11,992	89,824	40,572	23.4	86.7	77.0	244,004
Jan-03	361,590	18,846	140,232	36,147	22.2	87.0	77.0	242,202
Feb-03	293,940	11,044	64,194	32,484	25.2	87.7	77.5	256,430
Mar-03	440,691	10,789	77,463	26,781	24.0	88.0	78.0	252,979
Apr-03	324,610	36,824	74,258	54,802	25.2	88.3	78.9	250,071
May-03	352,900	9,598	87,853	27,676	20.8	-	-	250,522
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	22.1	-	-	256,107
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,773,731	t 87,101	t 444,000	t 177,890	a 23.3	a 87.8	a 77.9	a 251,385
% change	17.1	8.2	1.0	8.3	17.4	2.5	7.0	5.8
Last 12 months	4,147,005	236,751	1,121,222	438,070	23.4	86.8	76.8	245,490
Previous 12	3,193,179	196,304	1,016,544	601,860	18.6	84.8	72.6	230,056
% change	29.9	20.6	10.3	-27.2	26.3	2.4	5.7	6.7
% ch. year ago	25.9	-29.7	15.1	-38.7	-6.0	2.7	8.4	7.8
% ch prev mnth	8.7	-73.9	18.3	-49.5	6.3	0.3	1.2	2.2

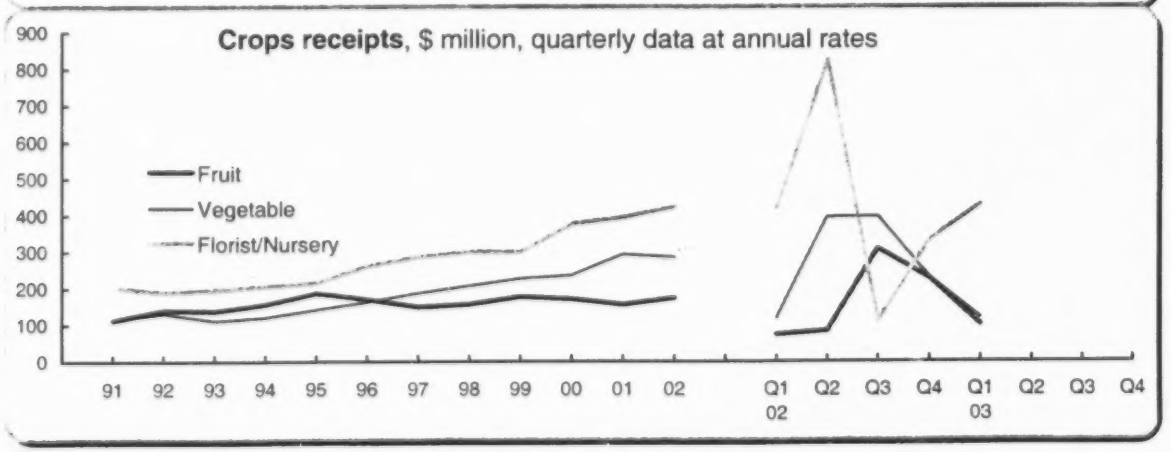


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Vege-tables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
1999	340,031	216,299	239,616	223,170	1,019,116	176,873	227,080	300,769	172,890	877,612	1,937,540
2000	336,977	242,423	247,310	256,878	1,083,588	170,919	235,747	377,167	168,523	952,356	2,074,488
2001	364,478	266,566	260,896	265,180	1,157,120	156,010	293,052	394,354	188,208	1,031,624	2,248,607
2002	368,630	235,613	257,753	252,481	1,114,477	173,486	285,264	423,694	213,715	1,096,159	2,241,551
Q1-01	89,594	73,614	57,828	62,446	283,482	18,179	33,153	98,587	52,097	202,016	497,003
Q2-01	91,240	64,655	67,616	54,720	278,231	21,670	94,244	192,142	39,408	347,464	631,267
Q3-01	90,438	45,545	69,162	60,362	265,507	67,190	102,324	27,189	34,913	231,616	509,029
Q4-01	93,206	82,752	66,290	87,652	329,900	48,971	63,331	76,436	61,790	250,528	611,308
Q1-02	95,023	70,276	60,131	61,121	286,551	18,408	29,572	105,923	50,994	204,897	501,066
Q2-02	90,794	57,284	66,268	49,405	263,751	21,031	98,829	206,176	37,800	363,836	630,785
Q3-02	89,238	51,048	67,293	55,010	262,589	77,122	99,132	28,157	47,016	251,427	519,767
Q4-02	93,575	57,005	64,061	86,945	301,586	56,925	57,731	83,438	77,905	275,999	589,933
Q1-03	97,255	67,831	63,225	61,469	289,780	25,278	29,878	107,349	54,465	216,970	514,621
Q2-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 97,255	t 67,831	t 63,225	t 61,469	t 289,780	t 32,154	t 29,878	t 107,349	t 47,589	t 216,970	t 514,621
% change	2.3	-3.5	5.1	0.6	1.1	25.2	1.0	1.3	8.9	5.9	2.7
Last 4 quarters	370,862	233,168	260,847	252,829	1,117,706	180,356	285,570	425,120	217,186	1,108,232	2,255,106
Previous 4	369,907	263,228	263,199	263,855	1,160,189	156,239	289,471	401,690	187,105	1,034,505	2,252,670
% change	0.3	-11.4	-0.9	-4.2	-3.7	15.4	-1.3	5.8	16.1	7.1	0.1
% ch. year ago	2.3	-3.5	5.1	0.6	1.1	34.2	1.0	1.3	7.2	5.9	2.7
% ch. prev qtr	3.9	19.0	-1.3	-29.3	-3.9	-57.3	-48.2	28.7	-26.7	-21.4	-12.8

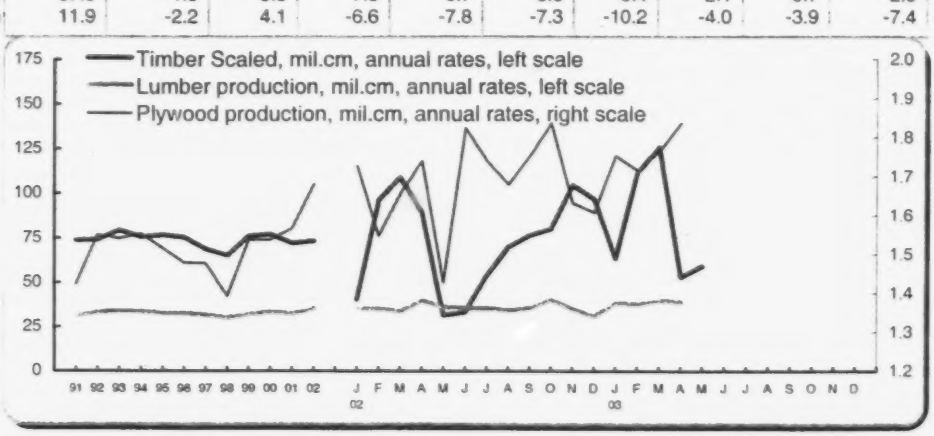




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

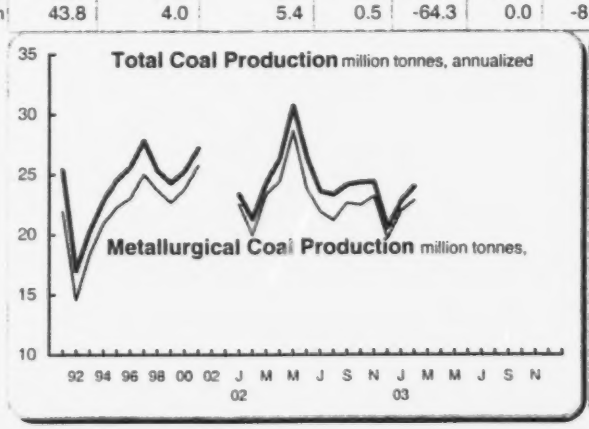
Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Thousand cubic metres			Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
1999	75,997	32,397.1	1,538	1,379	1,660	3,039	4,995	1,380	1,636	8,010
2000	76,984	33,503.7	1,539	1,428	1,665	3,093	5,152	1,452	1,674	8,289
2001	72,009	32,494.0	1,567	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,386	35,659.5	1,681	1,171	1,749	2,920	4,493	1,165	1,732	7,391
Jan-01	5,254	3,081.3	129	128	148	276	388	128	142	657
Feb-01	9,182	3,240.7	126	114	133	247	410	111	124	644
Mar-01	10,023	2,708.5	129	116	145	261	426	119	142	687
Apr-01	7,243	2,969.9	133	113	137	250	433	115	131	679
May-01	2,617	2,951.2	135	113	138	251	394	99	132	625
Jun-01	2,406	2,931.2	139	83	130	213	411	99	133	643
Jul-01	4,230	2,411.2	139	95	130	225	419	91	124	634
Aug-01	6,370	2,541.7	119	108	142	250	351	106	139	597
Sep-01	6,570	2,658.1	136	99	127	226	365	109	130	604
Oct-01	7,432	2,522.8	141	115	149	264	387	103	153	643
Nov-01	5,350	2,474.9	131	101	143	244	343	94	133	571
Dec-01	5,332	2,002.5	110	82	111	193	383	94	128	605
Jan-02	3,366	2,947.5	144	76	136	212	318	78	129	525
Feb-02	8,011	2,929.9	129	91	133	224	368	84	125	578
Mar-02	9,078	2,813.1	138	83	142	225	394	86	141	621
Apr-02	7,434	3,323.1	145	97	139	236	391	99	132	622
May-02	2,623	3,007.4	119	107	143	250	355	94	147	596
Jun-02	2,774	2,957.0	152	98	136	234	430	112	147	689
Jul-02	4,493	2,958.0	145	106	152	258	392	107	148	647
Aug-02	5,810	2,857.5	140	98	158	256	354	100	151	606
Sep-02	6,361	2,991.5	146	104	157	261	348	99	152	599
Oct-02	6,665	3,368.1	153	109	153	262	340	104	162	606
Nov-02	8,711	2,923.3	136	98	158	256	383	96	155	634
Dec-02	8,060	2,583.1	134	104	142	246	420	106	143	668
Jan-03	5,290	3,223.3	146	107	156	263	441	104	142	687
Feb-03	9,296	3,154.9	143	95	135	230	390	90	138	618
Mar-03	10,494	3,333.2	147	107	145	252	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,258.7	153	106	154	260	374	100	152	625
May-03	4,929	-	-	99	142	241	336	96	146	579
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 34,412	t 12,970	t 589	t 514	t 732	t 1,246	t 1,934	t 500	t 726	t 3,160
% change	12.8	8.0	5.9	13.2	5.6	8.6	5.9	13.4	7.7	7.4
Last 12 months	77,286	36,616	1,714	1,231	1,788	3,019	4,601	1,224	1,784	7,609
Previous 12	68,202	32,507	1,606	1,137	1,625	2,762	4,485	1,137	1,614	7,239
% change	13.3	12.6	6.7	8.3	10.0	9.3	2.6	7.7	10.5	5.1
% ch. year ago	87.9	-1.9	5.5	-7.5	-0.7	-3.6	-5.4	2.1	-0.7	-2.9
% ch prev mnth	11.9	-2.2	4.1	-6.6	-7.8	-7.3	-10.2	-4.0	-3.9	-7.4

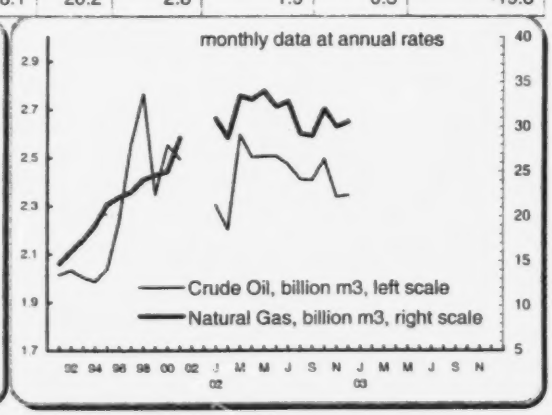


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Ministry of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

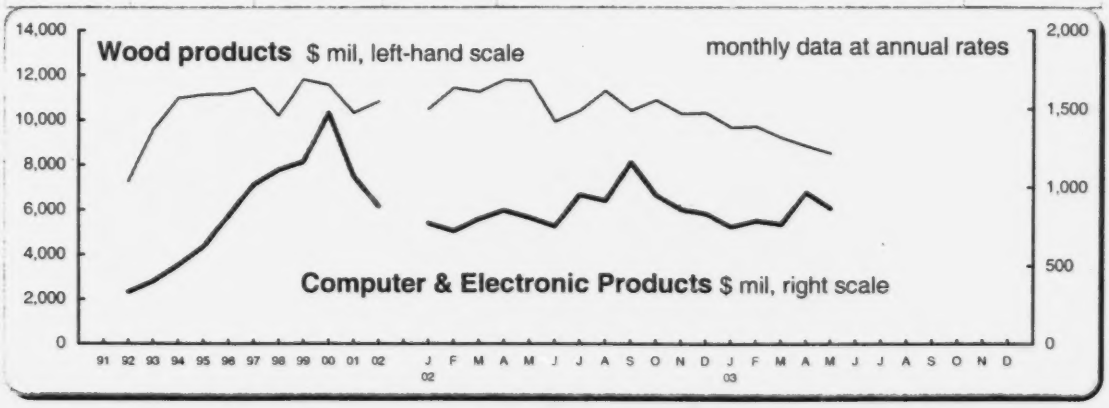
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	GW.h
	Unadjusted											
1999	1,631.4	22,670.0	24,301.5	178.2	40.3	126.2	6.3	25.0	497.3	24,635.1	2,347.6	68,044,863
2000	1,455.1	23,804.3	25,259.3	270.7	46.9	145.5	7.0	25.2	586.9	25,024.3	2,552.3	68,240,926
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,196.9	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	-	-	-	243.7	2.3	44.9	7.5	21.7	659.6	-	-	64,928,219
Jan-01	100.7	2,191.0	2,291.8	23.1	2.8	8.6	0.6	2.1	52.3	2,187.5	201.8	5,643,655
Feb-01	168.1	1,995.1	2,163.1	22.7	3.2	9.7	0.7	1.9	50.7	2,010.0	183.7	5,421,711
Mar-01	158.2	2,214.4	2,372.6	23.1	1.5	6.0	0.7	1.9	39.2	2,200.3	209.7	4,528,090
Apr-01	167.0	2,181.9	2,348.9	21.5	4.0	6.3	1.1	1.8	56.8	2,322.3	223.7	4,683,280
May-01	103.1	2,196.7	2,299.8	19.6	5.1	8.5	0.9	2.4	54.0	2,434.4	187.5	4,421,192
Jun-01	139.3	2,147.5	2,286.9	22.0	5.8	17.1	0.7	2.1	42.7	2,303.1	205.5	3,699,177
Jul-01	144.4	2,032.2	2,176.6	25.7	0.4	3.9	0.6	2.3	59.4	2,607.0	217.0	3,700,006
Aug-01	56.2	1,908.7	1,964.9	27.7	4.8	13.3	0.7	1.8	39.6	2,614.9	223.0	4,327,732
Sep-01	82.8	2,339.0	2,421.8	22.8	2.2	4.4	0.7	1.9	55.5	2,487.1	214.4	4,431,823
Oct-01	88.3	2,359.4	2,447.7	22.6	0.6	10.2	0.6	2.0	48.1	2,590.6	211.3	5,199,294
Nov-01	97.7	2,354.2	2,451.9	19.6	2.9	8.8	0.6	1.4	40.6	2,497.7	208.5	5,037,577
Dec-01	136.8	1,834.1	1,970.9	25.0	2.0	12.2	0.6	2.1	65.2	2,534.5	209.5	6,238,575
Jan-02	67.9	1,876.8	1,944.7	19.9	-	-	0.8	1.7	52.9	2,576.8	191.9	6,151,392
Feb-02	112.6	1,662.4	1,775.0	19.3	-	-	0.6	1.2	32.6	2,396.8	183.7	5,271,838
Mar-02	77.4	1,946.8	2,024.2	21.7	-	-	0.6	2.1	73.7	2,784.5	216.2	5,077,051
Apr-02	160.0	2,036.4	2,196.4	20.5	0.1	2.9	0.6	1.7	63.4	2,752.2	208.6	4,766,468
May-02	178.3	2,383.4	2,561.7	21.6	0.1	3.0	0.5	1.8	61.9	2,834.6	208.9	4,113,119
Jun-02	216.3	1,987.6	2,204.0	21.0	0.4	7.2	0.7	1.9	45.3	2,686.3	208.9	4,138,878
Jul-02	141.2	1,826.9	1,968.1	20.8	0.4	3.4	0.6	1.8	48.7	2,733.3	206.0	5,635,688
Aug-02	179.2	1,766.0	1,945.3	18.1	0.1	6.5	0.5	1.8	54.9	2,432.3	200.9	5,606,627
Sep-02	124.6	1,887.6	2,012.3	19.5	0.6	5.9	0.7	1.9	62.6	2,416.1	200.6	5,567,904
Oct-02	155.4	1,873.6	2,029.0	20.2	0.1	6.1	0.5	2.0	66.7	2,663.3	207.8	5,841,764
Nov-02	101.5	1,932.8	2,034.2	20.7	0.4	7.5	0.9	1.6	43.0	2,500.6	194.8	6,160,034
Dec-02	72.7	1,641.4	1,714.1	22.1	-	-	0.7	2.4	61.2	2,547.1	195.4	6,597,456
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,896.7	19.6	1.3	8.3	0.8	1.5	36.3	-	-	6,309,245
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.2	18.4	0.8	7.1	0.7	1.6	47.1	-	-	5,459,157
Mar-03	-	-	-	19.8	0.9	0.3	0.8	2.0	76.7	-	-	5,469,329
Apr-03	-	-	-	21.0	1.1	6.6	0.7	1.6	54.5	-	-	4,384,961
May-03	-	-	-	21.1	0.4	6.6	0.7	2.0	56.0	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 3,895.9	t 99.9	t 4.6	t 28.9	t 3.7	t 8.7	t 270.6	t 31,323.9	t 2,423.7	t 21,622,692
% change	-10.2	5.5	4.7	-3.0	######	389.8	20.1	1.8	-4.9	8.8	-2.9	1.7
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	24,585.2	242.3	6.6	65.5	8.3	21.9	653.0	31,323.9	2,423.7	65,284,162
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	26,461.7	268.4	18.7	75.8	7.6	22.1	635.6	28,789.4	2,495.6	58,322,125
% change	15.8	-8.3	-7.1	-9.7	-64.8	-13.6	8.3	-1.1	2.7	8.8	-2.9	11.9
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	12.6	-2.3	624.5	120.0	38.8	8.9	-9.5	0.5	-6.7	-8.0
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	5.4	0.5	-64.3	0.0	-8.1	20.2	2.8	1.9	0.3	-19.8





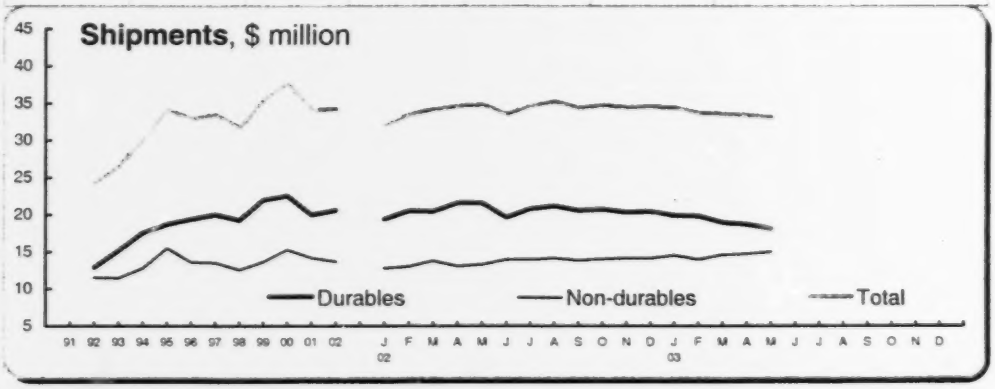
10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
Period	Seasonally Adjusted								
1999	35,616,043	21,981,658	11,806,900	1,074,703	1,496,425	1,621,465	1,163,437	465,488	1,826,006
2000	37,767,533	22,501,001	11,565,797	1,074,892	1,701,357	1,772,723	1,473,178	575,943	1,602,665
2001	34,106,110	19,951,755	10,330,079	1,160,355	1,575,248	1,466,685	1,067,970	515,043	1,348,986
2002	34,236,168	20,556,818	10,830,180	1,357,210	1,609,307	1,594,173	878,535	345,393	1,283,029
Jan-01	3,018,896	1,771,819	886,387	91,849	136,886	142,465	124,518	54,908	107,998
Feb-01	2,967,184	1,746,697	869,852	86,968	134,905	143,499	123,333	54,766	109,357
Mar-01	2,956,761	1,687,044	851,775	93,518	131,726	132,169	103,069	48,571	111,141
Apr-01	2,929,079	1,730,040	884,329	92,189	133,892	134,066	104,176	47,881	121,269
May-01	2,967,239	1,748,597	912,629	96,510	129,578	120,940	108,621	49,965	114,989
Jun-01	2,878,570	1,696,075	904,704	98,982	127,998	123,337	85,541	43,115	107,455
Jul-01	2,848,338	1,734,143	913,655	97,976	134,026	122,085	96,958	41,400	118,955
Aug-01	2,801,981	1,660,877	880,167	98,194	129,758	117,450	69,539	47,357	113,580
Sep-01	2,732,842	1,607,095	856,928	96,736	130,998	113,586	65,375	35,871	103,218
Oct-01	2,703,105	1,542,410	791,180	101,695	128,631	112,460	73,538	28,888	112,497
Nov-01	2,690,212	1,543,274	777,311	102,465	131,607	107,941	66,258	33,422	137,893
Dec-01	2,672,206	1,549,296	820,100	99,994	125,596	106,937	64,838	33,981	103,756
Jan-02	2,677,644	1,612,815	874,710	102,273	131,557	108,817	64,207	30,492	96,106
Feb-02	2,791,783	1,707,663	953,170	106,689	132,851	111,128	60,112	30,747	109,372
Mar-02	2,849,295	1,701,115	937,548	98,913	125,413	129,117	66,440	29,571	101,831
Apr-02	2,884,539	1,798,121	981,526	108,478	137,452	124,125	71,101	27,564	131,877
May-02	2,901,372	1,794,284	979,186	117,187	139,711	127,383	67,277	28,278	111,267
Jun-02	2,793,577	1,632,276	827,368	112,739	137,734	132,893	62,567	25,316	112,423
Jul-02	2,891,198	1,731,590	867,609	114,838	140,731	126,088	79,400	25,659	145,027
Aug-02	2,939,186	1,762,217	941,052	118,097	143,514	137,647	76,154	28,359	95,959
Sep-02	2,861,978	1,709,605	868,536	119,246	129,230	136,518	96,557	29,360	112,061
Oct-02	2,895,850	1,727,572	906,928	112,669	130,137	143,207	79,001	27,753	87,086
Nov-02	2,868,679	1,691,574	856,477	119,112	135,531	153,541	71,558	31,104	93,648
Dec-02	2,880,562	1,702,801	859,879	127,269	133,498	155,022	69,234	30,762	95,088
Jan-03	2,867,010	1,657,510	805,577	127,229	139,098	146,538	62,310	32,216	100,930
Feb-03	2,809,724	1,649,114	808,682	126,402	142,647	150,104	65,534	32,482	85,951
Mar-03	2,796,015	1,578,949	767,334	123,436	135,562	138,769	63,561	31,839	96,019
Apr-03	2,781,661	1,556,618	737,112	119,522	132,784	141,904	80,395	28,045	90,878
May-03	2,760,038	1,512,040	708,571	121,937	130,346	147,639	71,962	31,614	84,665
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,014,448	t 7,954,231	t 3,827,276	t 618,526	t 680,437	t 724,954	t 343,762	t 156,196	t 458,443
% change	-0.6	-7.7	-19.0	15.9	2.0	20.7	4.4	6.5	-16.7
Last 12 months	34,145,478	19,911,866	9,955,125	1,442,496	1,630,812	1,709,870	878,233	354,509	1,199,735
Previous 12	33,431,887	19,947,168	10,670,185	1,229,582	1,575,598	1,404,366	851,184	410,686	1,347,807
% change	2.1	-0.2	-6.7	17.3	3.5	21.8	3.2	-13.7	-11.0
% ch. year ago	-4.9	-15.7	-27.6	4.1	-6.7	15.9	7.0	11.8	-23.9
% ch prev mnth	-0.8	-2.9	-3.9	2.0	-1.8	4.0	-10.5	12.7	-6.8



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

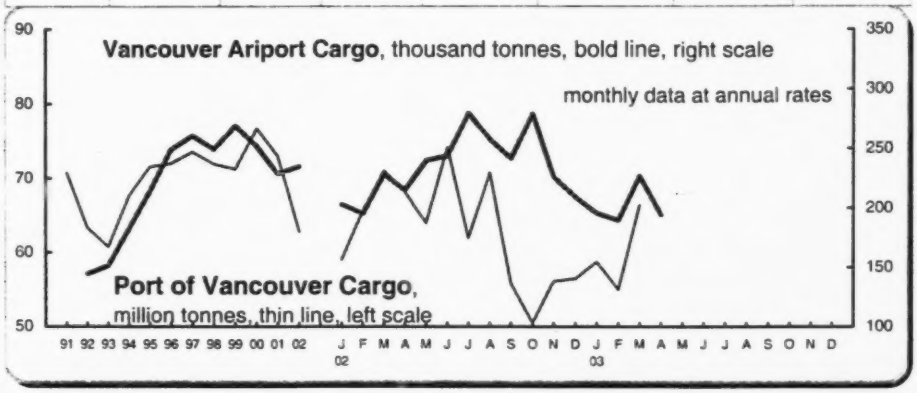
Period	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Petroleum & Coal	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	$ thousand							
	Seasonally Adjusted							
1999	13,634,385	3,718,121	1,006,352	5,427,506	711,152	756,207	888,458	944,614
2000	15,266,531	3,804,672	1,010,774	6,729,940	771,403	768,139	925,544	1,061,664
2001	14,154,350	4,129,844	907,714	5,422,408	681,336	792,347	1,003,995	1,039,306
2002	13,679,349	4,270,321	990,256	4,789,590	608,135	753,938	1,075,604	1,007,564
Jan-01	1,247,077	332,411	78,193	521,371	63,637	69,016	81,674	85,684
Feb-01	1,220,487	334,657	77,709	497,711	57,847	67,455	83,336	88,203
Mar-01	1,269,717	342,388	76,418	545,235	60,158	63,606	81,345	86,808
Apr-01	1,199,039	343,562	74,616	477,433	55,863	66,620	79,549	87,591
May-01	1,218,642	344,464	74,821	486,574	58,210	66,405	83,544	90,284
Jun-01	1,182,495	340,597	69,662	459,763	54,511	66,414	84,926	92,391
Jul-01	1,114,195	324,524	75,304	411,742	56,750	67,995	76,760	85,937
Aug-01	1,141,104	349,553	77,257	405,736	57,673	66,917	84,891	84,322
Sep-01	1,125,747	351,732	74,335	390,251	55,851	64,528	84,797	86,408
Oct-01	1,160,695	360,934	75,670	428,662	52,213	62,702	85,969	80,310
Nov-01	1,146,938	358,262	75,586	405,370	53,696	64,514	89,456	85,858
Dec-01	1,122,910	346,594	77,378	392,560	54,976	66,918	84,150	84,599
Jan-02	1,064,829	352,974	74,740	347,882	52,426	63,609	82,595	76,600
Feb-02	1,084,120	350,878	69,465	369,908	53,450	61,886	83,105	80,207
Mar-02	1,148,180	343,679	76,468	417,132	53,361	72,455	87,376	82,763
Apr-02	1,086,418	346,745	76,439	364,370	52,079	64,911	84,598	81,608
May-02	1,107,088	351,576	76,796	377,249	51,541	64,568	85,853	85,040
Jun-02	1,161,301	348,743	81,555	423,595	52,693	63,498	87,500	89,187
Jul-02	1,159,608	352,036	81,883	411,464	55,828	65,680	87,257	89,595
Aug-02	1,176,969	359,582	83,503	421,729	54,839	60,953	93,568	87,647
Sep-02	1,152,373	356,434	86,454	415,116	44,781	61,748	90,916	80,928
Oct-02	1,168,278	368,855	90,144	400,072	45,955	61,326	99,955	85,951
Nov-02	1,177,105	365,466	90,745	425,386	46,752	56,229	96,730	81,038
Dec-02	1,177,761	366,932	90,277	415,687	45,652	59,627	96,568	85,961
Jan-03	1,209,500	389,743	89,300	420,530	46,306	64,320	101,788	87,655
Feb-03	1,160,610	366,529	86,541	387,073	46,376	65,886	107,175	89,608
Mar-03	1,217,066	369,380	85,432	444,759	44,095	67,890	105,385	88,163
Apr-03	1,225,043	369,901	85,336	443,420	42,288	66,815	119,507	88,014
May-03	1,247,998	358,659	89,488	487,423	40,894	63,015	108,176	89,097
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 6,060,217	t 1,854,212	t 436,097	t 2,183,205	t 219,959	t 327,926	t 542,031	t 442,537
% change	10.4	6.2	16.6	16.3	-16.3	0.2	28.0	8.9
Last 12 months	14,233,612	4,372,260	1,040,658	5,096,254	566,459	756,987	1,194,525	1,042,844
Previous 12	13,484,719	4,178,048	899,100	4,770,625	648,527	787,417	1,014,476	1,006,043
% change	5.6	4.6	15.7	6.8	-12.7	-3.9	17.7	3.7
% ch. year ago	12.7	2.0	16.5	29.2	-20.7	-2.4	26.0	4.8
% ch prev mnth	1.9	-3.0	4.9	9.9	-3.3	-5.7	-9.5	1.2



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

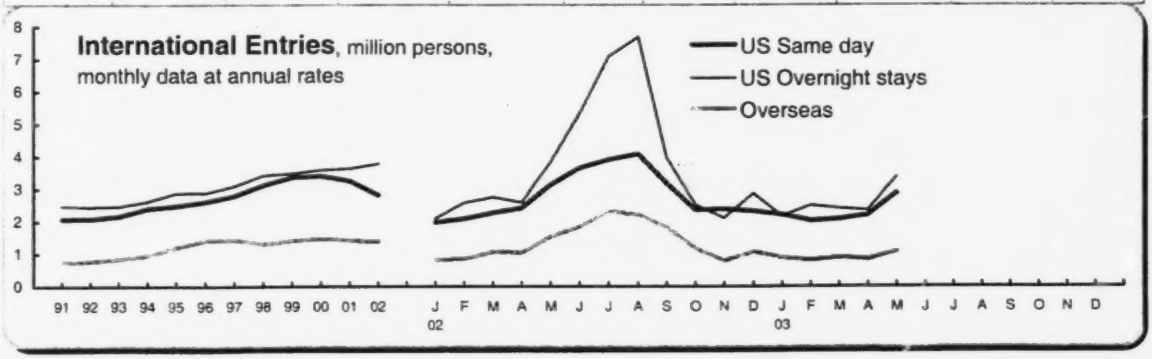
	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
1999	67,079	4,133	71,214	269,130	8,314	11,211	3,599	2,378
2000	72,463	4,181	76,646	251,772	8,306	11,123	3,593	2,390
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,856	7,422	11,081	3,720	2,518
Jan-01	5,779	351	6,130	17,019	598	582	211	101
Feb-01	6,169	331	6,500	16,625	588	574	209	105
Mar-01	5,507	339	5,846	19,695	651	811	277	163
Apr-01	6,701	317	7,018	17,840	645	859	298	190
May-01	6,301	410	6,711	19,015	720	952	318	217
Jun-01	5,955	276	6,231	20,781	732	1,026	333	233
Jul-01	5,930	359	6,290	22,302	798	1,429	428	338
Aug-01	5,231	368	5,598	21,274	860	1,593	475	399
Sep-01	4,964	360	5,323	16,401	571	986	334	250
Oct-01	5,785	363	6,148	19,338	599	790	282	188
Nov-01	5,575	308	5,883	19,594	517	639	239	122
Dec-01	5,030	228	5,258	18,790	588	781	268	138
Jan-02	4,661	260	4,922	16,919	538	559	208	97
Feb-02	5,263	202	5,465	16,279	518	575	212	105
Mar-02	5,663	253	5,916	19,041	585	799	274	162
Apr-02	5,385	294	5,678	17,910	586	785	284	170
May-02	5,044	291	5,335	19,986	643	967	327	233
Jun-02	5,902	276	6,178	20,314	655	1,031	340	246
Jul-02	4,837	327	5,164	23,284	718	1,415	429	361
Aug-02	5,625	269	5,894	21,464	790	1,617	481	415
Sep-02	4,390	261	4,651	20,139	642	1,003	346	251
Oct-02	3,922	287	4,209	23,249	641	851	298	203
Nov-02	4,434	245	4,679	18,842	507	667	242	126
Dec-02	4,510	198	4,708	17,429	599	812	279	151
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,287	544	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,586	15,811	514	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,277	253	5,530	18,908	571	776	271	143
Apr-03	-	-	-	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	928	319	232
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	992	337	257
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,280	t 730	t 15,009	t 67,202	t 2,151	t 4,683	t 1,651	t 1,037
% change	-8.4	2.1	-7.9	-4.2	-3.4	-0.7	0.4	2.5
Last 12 months	58,329	3,178	61,505	231,909	7,347	11,048	3,726	2,544
Previous 12	67,059	3,704	70,763	227,644	7,613	10,934	3,671	2,446
% change	-13.0	-14.2	-13.1	1.9	-3.5	1.0	1.5	4.0
% ch. year ago	-6.8	0.0	-6.5	-9.6	-10.8	-3.8	-0.9	4.3
% ch prev mnth	21.6	2.0	20.6	-14.3	-8.5	6.9	5.6	10.7



13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports. Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS.

	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total			Occup'cy Rate	Victoria	Vancouver	Revenue	Transborder	Interntl
Period	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
1999	3,370,153	3,491,527	6,861,680	1,407,542	8,269,222	61.7	90,833	340,633	1,329,347	4,120	3,372
2000	3,407,146	3,598,815	7,005,961	1,475,766	8,481,727	60.0	112,442	325,371	1,441,607	4,074	3,652
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,355	4,000	3,608
2002	2,814,217	3,781,669	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	59.0	107,487	256,945	1,505,887	3,855	3,600
Jan-01	223,046	165,804	388,850	73,135	461,985	45.4	1,480	4,600	130,372	321	302
Feb-01	217,159	204,081	421,240	68,560	489,800	55.1	6,850	33,920	123,610	314	245
Mar-01	253,499	232,865	486,364	91,859	578,223	63.9	13,414	67,118	126,300	332	286
Apr-01	263,185	228,714	491,899	103,816	595,715	60.1	11,894	23,300	125,217	306	290
May-01	327,253	325,623	652,876	133,029	785,905	62.9	14,050	20,198	123,471	355	307
Jun-01	361,472	429,248	790,720	170,503	961,223	67.9	11,406	14,288	122,610	401	348
Jul-01	424,397	563,837	988,234	212,108	1,200,342	74.9	232	36,010	125,255	486	395
Aug-01	423,556	601,422	1,024,978	202,425	1,227,403	79.5	1,010	30,035	124,040	515	425
Sep-01	258,060	301,489	559,549	145,296	704,845	64.1	8,155	20,060	110,401	270	321
Oct-01	155,164	176,632	331,796	76,198	407,994	51.2	13,155	10,210	114,029	225	241
Nov-01	169,493	167,142	336,635	53,509	390,144	45.0	4,730	26,660	123,200	212	191
Dec-01	181,410	239,967	421,377	87,580	508,957	41.6	400	9,900	124,850	264	257
Jan-02	164,978	174,447	339,425	67,757	407,182	42.8	1,200	-	123,767	280	270
Feb-02	174,125	214,470	388,595	71,295	459,890	54.2	10,320	20,000	128,183	272	247
Mar-02	189,752	229,195	418,947	89,085	508,032	57.5	7,060	36,800	127,301	300	290
Apr-02	201,330	215,466	416,796	86,374	503,170	58.5	14,767	15,000	125,220	266	271
May-02	261,372	319,896	581,268	128,338	709,606	61.4	18,362	21,430	124,015	308	297
Jun-02	303,899	444,080	747,979	153,087	901,066	67.7	17,350	62,100	125,376	383	329
Jul-02	325,375	590,450	915,825	194,170	1,109,995	74.2	4,591	12,550	123,479	466	367
Aug-02	340,262	639,786	980,048	183,545	1,163,593	79.9	6,600	32,700	126,692	470	401
Sep-02	264,692	330,471	595,163	150,715	745,878	67.2	6,272	13,190	117,517	332	334
Oct-02	196,991	209,641	406,632	96,654	503,286	56.4	10,105	11,175	128,209	263	293
Nov-02	198,102	175,477	373,579	65,342	438,921	45.9	10,660	26,400	125,308	227	229
Dec-02	193,339	238,290	431,629	88,569	520,198	42.5	200	5,600	130,822	289	270
Jan-03	183,892	180,661	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.2	975	14,300	133,236	296	292
Feb-03	169,071	207,922	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.7	6,000	23,500	-	277	240
Mar-03	173,449	200,694	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.9	18,487	23,200	-	315	274
Apr-03	183,387	195,084	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.6	8,199	14,790	-	244	203
May-03	239,803	281,607	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.0	12,835	19,050	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 949,602	t 1,065,968	t 2,015,570	t 374,420	t 2,389,990	a 54.3	t 46,496	t 94,840	t 133,236	t 1,133	t 1,009
% change	-4.2	-7.6	-6.0	-15.5	-7.6	-1.1	-10.1	1.7	7.7	1.4	-6.5
Last 12 months	2,772,262	3,694,163	6,466,425	1,306,502	7,772,927	58.8	102,274	258,555	1,515,358	3,870	3,530
Previous 12	2,965,109	3,633,211	6,598,320	1,390,468	7,988,788	58.2	90,797	240,393	1,466,750	3,845	3,563
% change	-6.5	1.7	-2.0	-6.0	-2.7	0.9	12.6	7.6	3.3	0.7	-0.9
% ch. year ago	-8.3	-12.0	-10.3	-29.9	-13.9	-2.3	-30.1	-11.1	7.7	-8.1	-25.1
% ch prev mnth	30.8	44.4	37.8	28.7	36.4	7.9	56.5	28.8	1.8	-22.4	-26.0



14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
1999	10,474.8	7,059.1	4.92	6.44	7.56	6.80	4.98	1.4857	82.14
2000	10,687.9	9,607.7	5.77	7.27	8.35	7.85	6.27	1.4854	82.85
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
Jan-01	10,887.4	9,321.9	5.75	7.25	7.75	7.40	5.94	1.5032	82.15
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Apr-01	10,735.0	7,946.6	5.00	6.50	7.50	6.80	4.42	1.5575	79.85
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Sep-02	7,591.9	6,180.4	3.00	4.50	6.70	5.30	1.72	1.5758	78.18
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Last 12 months	8,409.6	6,560.7	3.15	4.65	6.62	5.13	1.41	1.5102	81.34
Previous 12	9,817.8	7,460.8	2.92	4.42	7.20	5.26	2.25	1.5688	79.34
% change	-14.3	-12.1	7.9	5.2	-8.0	-2.5	-37.4	-3.7	2.5
% ch. year ago	-2.4	-2.3	27.3	17.6	-20.0	-12.6	-30.9	-11.7	11.3
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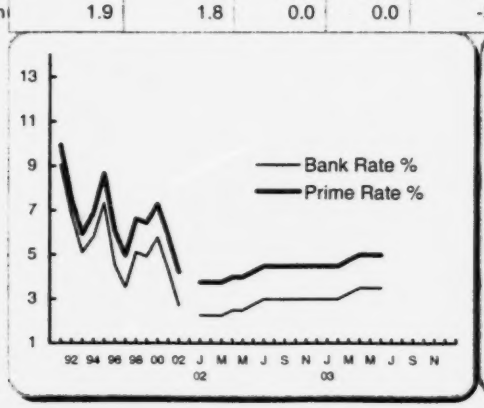

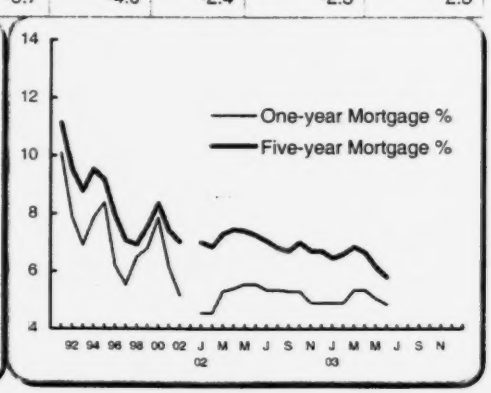

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Regional Outlook — North Coast

If only a single piece of information regarding the economic future of a region were available, the first choice of most planners would likely be accurate population forecasts. Nothing is as fundamental to economic activity than the size and make up of the population. To this end, BC Stats maintains a program of population projections for regions within the province.

The method of projecting population requires separate forecasts of each of the components of population change, namely fertility, mortality and migration. We monitor and weigh planned or foreseen economic events that may give rise to in-migration or out-migration of population. An analysis of these events and their likelihood form the basis for a set of migration assumptions for the demographic model. When the collections of such information are organized by region and theme it is possible to build a 'bottom-up' picture of events that may shape a region's future. The report that follows is the second in a series of regional outlooks.

Overview

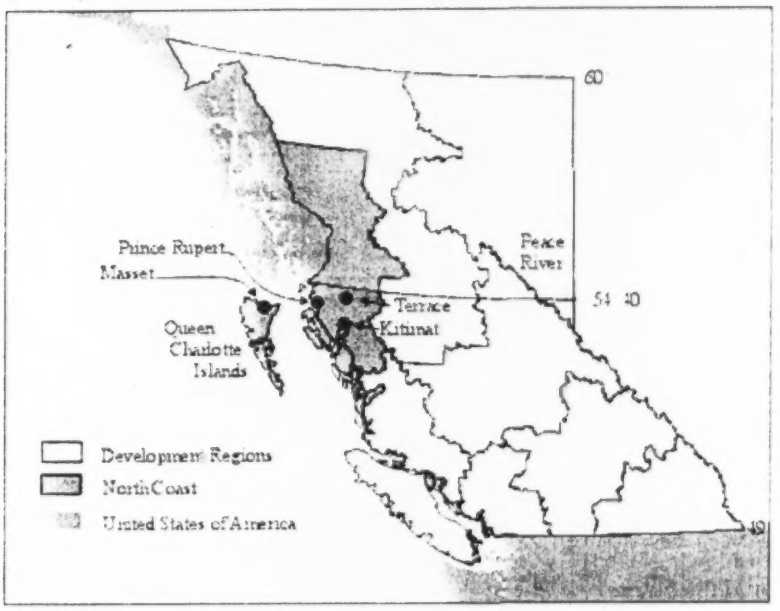
Boom and bust cycles have influenced activity in the North Coast Region in the past, and growth appears to be on the horizon. Off shore oil, coal, and other resources, many destined to China, as well as increasing demand for electrical power for North American markets, will likely influence activity in the region in the short-term and into the future.

Demographics

Although a portion of mainland North Coast is exposed to the Pacific Ocean, the area north of parallel 54o 40 lays inland behind the Alaskan panhandle, thereby concentrating human population and activity in the southern portion of the region. Between 1996 and 2001, the population dropped by 8.5% from 68,413 to 62,570 as a result of out-migration. Most of the movers were young working families. As the population aged, fertility declined. This coupled with the fact that younger persons and families moved out of the region resulted in a drop in the number of people under the age of 45, while those over 65 increased. Consequently, enrolment in schools in the region has been dropping, resulting in many school closures and teacher layoffs. Housing prices have also declined, in some cases more then 50% since the highs of 1996. As people moved out, the vacancy rate has risen; in Terrace the vacancy rate rose to over 40%. Due to the population drop, electoral jurisdictions are being adjusted. The federal electoral boundaries are being changed to increase the riding size, and as well Regional District representation is being adjusted.

However, as the overall population declined, the aboriginal population grew. In Terrace, those identifying themselves as aboriginal grew by 37 per cent between 1996 and 2001 to over 3,000 while the numbers dropped slightly in Prince Rupert. Higher then provincial average fertility rates combined with some in-migration, particularly from Vancouver, have contributed to the growth. This trend in Aboriginal population has helped to reduce the impacts of overall population decline in the region, benefiting businesses especially in the Terrace area.

North Coast Development Region



Employment

Unemployment for the region has been over 10% since 2000, and is currently around 10.9% having been as high as 16.1% in May 2002. Economic difficulties began in 1996 resulting in out-migration particularly of working families, with many moving to Alberta. For some people, an alternative to moving has been retraining. Unfortunately, the federal job re-training program, although expanded, could not accommodate the growing number of people interested in upgrading skills leading to 160 applicants being rejected in September 2002.

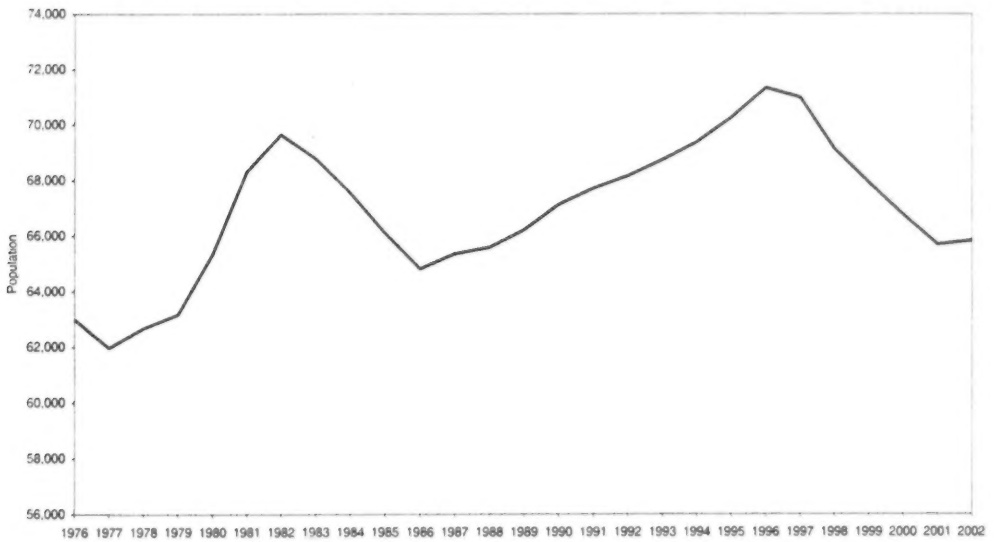
The Nisga'a land agreement has been cited as having improved employment as well as bolstering business in the area. Infrastructure development is currently a priority in the Nass Valley. The largest export from Nisga'a in 2002 was pine mushrooms. Nearly 30,000 kg were harvested with a value of over $1.3 million.

Transportation

There was a decrease of 12% in port traffic out of Prince Rupert for the fourth quarter of 2002 relative to 2001. This was primarily due to the closure of the Quintette coal mine in the Peace River area but also because ocean carrier services for some pulp customers has decreased. Coal exports should increase with the opening of the new Wolverine and Brazion mines in Northeastern BC. Western grain shipments have suffered as production dropped due to drought; however, grain production in the Peace Region was good in 2002 and a strike at the Vancouver terminals meant more volume for Prince Rupert.

Efforts are being made to develop a container port so that northern products do not have to go through Vancouver to get to international markets. An increasing number of commodities now move via containers including grain and pulp. In addition to Prince Rupert, Kitimat is also interested in attracting container port. In an attempt to make BC ports more competitive with U.S. ports, proposals are being made to reduce relatively high industrial taxes set by municipal governments.

Population Estimates, North Coast DR, 1976–2002



Other potential port activity may include a tank farm in Prince Rupert to handle 400,000 barrels of bitumen a day delivered via a pipeline from Northern Alberta. When completed, the 30 inch, 1,250 km project proposed by Enbridge Pipelines Inc. is estimated to cost approximately $1.5 billion. A new resource road to the Kemess mine, 450 km north west of Prince George, is also being considered. Over $50 million in roads continue to be built throughout the region. In early December 2002, the more than 300 residents of Kincolith were connected to the road network for the first time. The city of Prince Rupert has been actively promoting $1.3 million in bridge work to connect local communities.

Fisheries

Only a few fin fish farms are located along the coast, all near Jackson Passage, and as many shell fish farms are more widely dispersed. Due to agreements with the UN on fish stock conservation, the commercial sockeye catch is to be lowered to 40 per cent below its traditional level for the next 20 years. As well, the federal government is planning to reduce funding to hatcheries for the Pacific Region by approximately $21 million. In the meantime, plans are being made to increase the number of fish farms in the region. Other economic activities being actively promoted include seal hunting. The local member of parliament has asked Ottawa to allow a similar hunt as that taking place on the Atlantic coast. There, 350,000 seals are killed annually.

Forestry

The Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) continues to be reduced. The Kispiox timber supply area AAC has dropped to 977,000 cubic meters, down 11% as of January 1, 2003. The North Coast TSA cut has been lowered to 546,624 cubic meters as of July 3, 2002, down 5%, while the Kalum (July 15, 2003) and Queen Charlotte TSAs (April 30, 2003) remain unchanged. Talks continue between the Haida Nation and the Ministry of Forests on whether to increase the AAC for part of Moresby Island by 12%. As a result of the dropping AAC and international trade restriction, forestry activity has been slowing. However, the growing demand for pulp, particularly in China, has resulted in an increase in prices since the lows of 2002. At Eurocan, in

Labour force estimates, North Coast/Nechako Economic Region, 1995 to 2002

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Labour force	53.4	56.1	57.0	52.4	51.2	52.9	53.2	53.0
Employment	49.1	51.9	51.8	47.4	46.7	47.5	47.4	46.3
Full-time employment	40.5	41.8	42.2	38.2	37.4	36.3	36.8	35.7
Part-time employment	8.5	10.1	9.6	9.1	9.3	11.3	10.6	10.6
Unemployment	4.4	4.2	5.2	5.0	4.5	5.4	5.8	6.7
Not in labour force	21.0	19.8	19.6	23.6	23.9	21.6	21.1	21.3
Unemployment rate	8.2	7.5	9.1	9.5	8.8	10.2	10.9	12.6
Participation rate	71.7	73.9	74.4	68.9	68.2	70.9	71.6	71.3
Employment rate	65.9	68.4	67.6	62.4	62.2	63.7	63.8	62.3

Kitimat, the Communications Energy and Paperworkers local 298 went on strike in May. Consequently, 60 employees of West Fraser's sawmill in Terrace were temporarily laid off in June due to a lack of fibre.

Rising pulp prices may provide New Skeena, formerly Skeena Cellulose, an improved opportunity to restart operations at its Watson Island pulp mill. The owners, NWBC Timber and Pulp Ltd., having been trying to reduce costs and acquire capital before reopening the mill. As a part of the deal to purchase the company from the provincial government, the new owners are allowed to export 35% of the logs harvested in the Kispiox, Kalum and North Coast timber supply areas. Workers have been offered a 20% wage reduction as well as reduced benefits but have been reluctant to reach a deal. Recently, the citizens of Prince Rupert voted 70% in favour spending $20 million to buy the pulp mill given that certain conditions are met.

Energy

Alcan Aluminium was ordered to honour it's commitment to pay $100 million to BC Hydro in January, even though Enron, due to bankruptcy, could not pay Alcan for the electricity generated in Kitimat. With the price of aluminium not expected to rise in the near future, particularly given the increased output from China and low world GDP, Alcan is looking to increase power sales. The $50/mw offered by BC Hydro makes electrical sales more attractive than producing aluminium. Plans have been proposed to upgrade the Kitimat smelter, increasing capacity, reducing the work force, and allowing more power to be sold. Estimates have been made that the 6,000 direct, indirect, and induced jobs could drop below 3,000. Local town councils have proposed to apply taxes if Alcan shifts its wealth generating activity; the power generating facilities are not presently taxed. One of the difficulties in levying taxes is that some of the water ways that may be used to generate saleable electricity now belong to Alcan having been signed over in the 1997 Kemano cancellation settlement. Alcan may soon acquire Pechiney SA, the company responsible for improving productivity at it's multibillion-dollar smelter in Alma, Quebec. This move, along with the present conditions would appear to increase the likelihood of changes to the aluminium facilities.

In order to meet increasing demand for electrical energy, BC Hydro has been actively seeking independent power producers. A $15 million, 160 megawatt wood residue burning facility at Eurocan in Kitimat has been approved. In March, Nai Kun Wind Development Inc. re-

ceived an exploration permit to test the ground under the water near Masset, between Haida Gwaii and Prince Rupert. When built, the $1000 million wind farm would generate 700 megawatts of electricity without the 800,000 tons per year of emissions that would result from hydro carbon burning. Construction could begin in 2005. In April, the Premier Power Corporation received approval from BC Hydro to have the Long Lake Hydro Project near Stewart provide 83.2 mw of electricity to the grid. The Forrest Kerr Water Power Project has been accepted for consideration as a green power provider. This 'run of the river' facility would have a 100 mw capacity, and generate 633 gigawatt-hours annually. Other run of the river projects seeking approval are the dormant Anyox and Kitsault dams near Alice Arm.

Off shore oil

The moratorium over off-shore drilling was imposed in the 1970's due to the rising concerns over possible adverse effects on the environment. Tests done in the area show that there are potentially large reserves off-shore. The resumption of drilling could result in increased economic activity and population in west coast communities from Prince Rupert to Port Renfrew. However, before the go ahead is given, issues of jurisdiction between the provincial and federal governments must be addressed as well as Aboriginal land claims. A $6 million federal study is being conducted to examine environmental impacts and the regulatory regime. As well, the University of Northern BC has developed a program to organize a database of information about oil and gas development that is accessible to the public and to create a community liaison network. According to the provincial government's Scientific Review Panel "there is no inherent or fundamental inadequacy of the science of technology, properly applied in an appropriate regulatory framework, to justify retention of the BC moratorium" on offshore oil and gas drilling. It is estimated that the moratorium will not be lifted for five years. A report coproduced by the Maritime Awards Society of Canada and BCIT (March 2001) indicates the value of offshore reserves at 150,000 million barrels of oil and 6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas worth tens of billions of dollars. Recently, a legal team has been put together to address potential issues and suggestions to set up marine parks in the area have been put forward.

Summary

Increasing demand for pulp will help that industry, even though forestry activity will likely continue to slow as the AAC is reduced and world wood supply remains high. Reductions in wild fish quotas will likely be replaced by increases in fin fish farms but not until environmental issues have been addressed. Increasing energy demands world wide will likely increase exports of electricity as well as oil, gas, and coal through, and out of, the region. Therefore, Prince Rupert's port activity should increase marginally in the long-term after continued declines in the short-term. New energy generation facilities will likely result in increased construction activity mitigating some of the out-migration due to the current weakness in the resource sector. As a result, the overall population should continue to decline for the short-term, although at a reduced rate, with an increase expected to begin in 2005-2006.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted

Ave: average

bd ft: board feet

C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen

Can: Canada, Canadian

GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9

m3: cubic metres

mil: million

MLS: Multiple Listing Service

Moly: molybdenum

mth: month (as in: previous mth)

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

SA: seasonally adjusted

T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange

US: United States of America

WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Help Wanted Index	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	1996=100	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted				Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted			Unadjusted	
1999	2,079.1	1,906.4	8.3	65.1	32.5	129.1	56,263.5	625.22	819,410	1,003,814.9
2000	2,099.7	1,949.1	7.2	64.9	33.3	147.1	60,270.2	637.07	699,230	847,365.1
2001	2,103.5	1,942.4	7.7	64.1	32.2	117.8	61,495.9	645.70	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,157.8	1,973.4	8.5	64.9	32.0	92.1	62,984.9	667.51	817,850	1,073,203.5
Jan-01	2,095.1	1,942.9	7.3	64.3	33.3	138.2	5,136.7	640.63	74,160	104,218.5
Feb-01	2,108.4	1,954.1	7.3	64.6	33.3	134.1	5,160.1	643.13	73,010	88,292.4
Mar-01	2,111.9	1,973.4	6.6	64.7	33.7	130.2	5,149.8	650.17	68,240	82,012.7
Apr-01	2,102.9	1,955.7	7.0	64.3	31.0	126.8	5,110.4	650.42	64,810	86,742.6
May-01	2,113.8	1,969.8	6.8	64.6	33.1	123.5	5,121.4	649.78	59,760	77,271.1
Jun-01	2,100.3	1,948.7	7.2	64.1	33.3	120.2	5,123.0	649.40	53,110	65,653.3
Jul-01	2,102.8	1,946.3	7.4	64.1	31.1	116.6	5,110.7	638.50	55,710	73,137.9
Aug-01	2,099.1	1,929.3	8.1	63.9	30.0	112.7	5,120.5	642.30	57,000	70,407.7
Sep-01	2,089.3	1,925.4	7.8	63.5	32.9	108.7	5,090.5	645.68	46,880	67,255.0
Oct-01	2,092.3	1,918.0	8.3	63.5	29.4	104.8	5,099.9	643.68	52,400	69,695.6
Nov-01	2,105.6	1,924.7	8.6	63.9	32.3	101.5	5,114.3	650.84	64,870	76,593.3
Dec-01	2,121.4	1,916.9	9.6	64.3	32.7	98.9	5,158.7	643.66	75,940	96,081.3
Jan-02	2,130.1	1,942.4	8.8	64.5	32.7	97.2	5,189.8	656.05	86,240	126,382.5
Feb-02	2,118.7	1,933.7	8.7	64.1	32.7	96.2	5,195.3	656.21	84,530	105,181.7
Mar-02	2,137.1	1,945.3	9.0	64.5	32.9	95.8	5,173.3	663.44	80,450	97,688.8
Apr-02	2,143.1	1,957.2	8.7	64.6	33.1	95.5	5,177.5	668.06	73,810	112,710.7
May-02	2,148.4	1,944.8	9.5	64.7	33.4	95.0	5,210.6	670.27	66,480	84,417.3
Jun-02	2,161.5	1,974.1	8.7	65.0	33.4	94.0	5,208.1	668.57	59,980	74,038.7
Jul-02	2,164.6	1,987.8	8.2	65.0	31.4	92.7	5,241.6	663.53	60,240	84,237.6
Aug-02	2,167.7	2,001.6	7.7	65.1	30.6	90.9	5,260.7	667.96	61,760	75,877.0
Sep-02	2,179.4	2,001.3	8.2	65.3	33.0	89.0	5,280.4	668.84	51,480	78,346.4
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Nov-02	2,183.1	1,997.2	8.5	65.3	29.3	85.5	5,368.0	678.18	65,070	72,695.9
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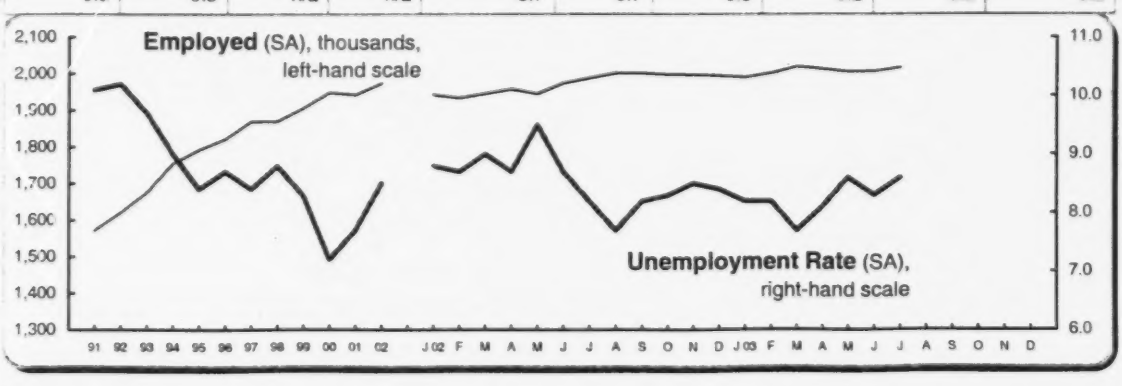
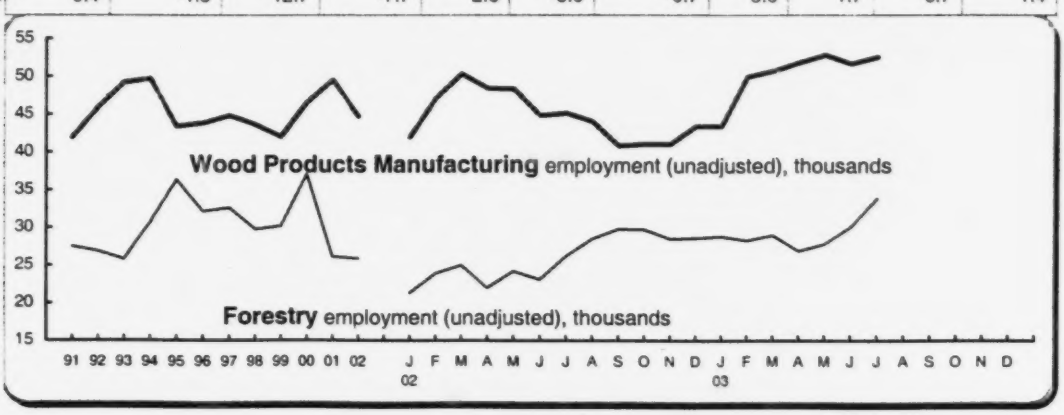
Jan-03	2,167.3	1,990.3	8.2	64.8	32.2	82.5	5,403.2	679.52	80,200	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,180.1	2,002.0	8.2	65.1	32.7	81.2	5,400.8	679.14	77,820	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,187.6	2,019.7	7.7	65.3	32.8	80.2	5,375.0	682.00	74,170	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,189.5	2,012.3	8.1	65.2	29.0	79.6	-	680.37	71,440	86,968.3
May-03	2,193.2	2,004.5	8.6	65.3	33.2	-	-	684.33	65,670	82,238.1
Jun-03	2,187.7	2,006.6	8.3	65.0	33.5	-	-	688.57	60,280	89,008.4
Jul-03	2,206.2	2,016.4	8.6	65.5	31.6	-	-	687.34	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,187.4	a 2,007.4	a 8.2	a 65.2	a 32.1	a 80.9	t 16,179.0	a 683.04	a 71,597	t 567.7
% change	2.1	2.7	n/a	n/a	-2.0	-15.9	4.0	2.9	-4.9	-5.5
Last 12 months	2,183.2	2,003.7	8.2	65.2	31.6	86.8	63,605.6	678.69	66,328	1,040,457.6
Previous 12	2,125.9	1,941.6	8.7	64.3	32.2	106.0	61,607.7	656.02	67,024	1,053,590.4
% change	2.7	3.2	n/a	n/a	-2.0	-18.1	3.2	3.5	-1.0	-1.2
% ch. year ago	1.9	1.4	n/a	n/a	0.6	-16.6	3.9	3.6	0.5	20.2
% ch. prev mnth	0.8	0.5	n/a	n/a	-5.7	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	-8.2	8.2



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

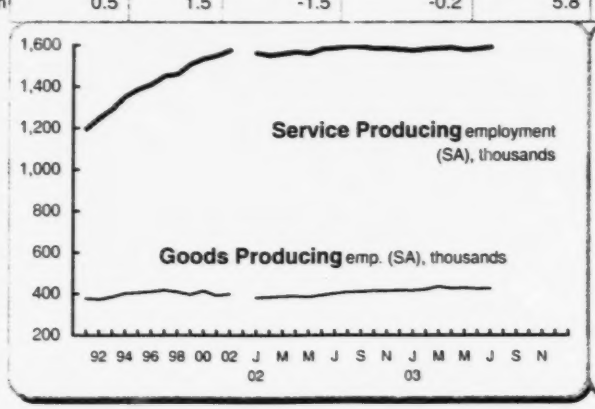
	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
1999	396.5	28.6	30.2	4.0	14.8	11.5	115.3	18.4	42.0	22.3	192.2
2000	414.4	29.7	37.1	4.8	13.4	11.3	112.5	19.8	46.5	17.7	205.4
2001	392.0	25.9	26.1	5.4	11.8	11.7	114.9	22.5	49.5	15.0	196.2
2002	399.0	30.1	25.9	3.3	9.7	12.4	120.6	23.8	44.7	16.7	196.9
Jan-01	400.1	24.0	30.2	2.5	12.6	10.2	104.7	23.4	51.2	12.5	212.8
Feb-01	405.8	30.3	29.3	4.1	10.6	10.7	111.8	22.7	53.4	14.2	207.2
Mar-01	411.5	29.4	24.2	8.9	10.1	10.3	118.6	26.5	54.2	14.5	208.8
Apr-01	408.4	28.4	21.2	7.5	8.2	13.1	119.6	24.8	49.1	15.8	205.7
May-01	398.6	23.8	24.4	8.0	10.1	13.2	118.5	26.3	50.5	17.8	199.6
Jun-01	393.2	23.6	23.7	6.5	11.8	12.7	119.2	27.2	47.6	18.7	196.3
Jul-01	392.0	24.3	28.3	5.9	11.1	12.8	121.0	21.5	51.8	17.9	191.4
Aug-01	388.7	27.0	30.3	5.1	12.6	12.9	113.0	23.3	50.3	16.0	190.9
Sep-01	391.0	25.5	29.5	4.4	14.6	11.7	114.2	20.1	49.3	12.8	194.1
Oct-01	380.0	24.9	27.4	3.5	13.7	11.9	115.1	20.4	47.1	12.9	186.1
Nov-01	371.5	26.3	23.4	4.3	13.1	10.6	113.9	17.1	42.9	13.5	180.1
Dec-01	363.6	24.8	21.4	3.9	12.4	10.0	107.8	16.9	46.3	13.8	182.6
Jan-02	381.0	25.3	21.3	2.8	12.4	12.8	119.4	16.3	41.9	16.3	184.4
Feb-02	384.2	24.7	23.9	1.7	11.6	11.0	114.6	21.5	47.1	17.6	195.1
Mar-02	387.2	26.2	25.0	2.1	11.2	12.3	113.3	18.7	50.3	21.1	195.8
Apr-02	388.6	26.2	22.0	2.5	9.3	11.2	116.8	20.0	48.4	19.0	196.2
May-02	385.7	28.5	24.2	2.3	8.8	14.1	117.5	20.2	48.3	19.4	189.4
Jun-02	392.8	30.4	23.1	2.6	9.6	13.7	117.7	24.4	44.8	18.1	196.1
Jul-02	401.9	30.2	26.2	3.0	10.5	12.7	120.7	27.6	45.1	16.7	200.9
Aug-02	408.7	31.8	28.5	4.9	8.2	12.1	125.3	30.1	44.0	14.0	200.9
Sep-02	410.3	33.1	29.8	4.1	8.8	12.2	124.6	30.8	40.8	15.5	200.5
Oct-02	414.7	33.5	29.7	5.4	9.4	11.4	128.4	27.5	41.0	15.3	199.8
Nov-02	413.8	33.1	28.5	4.3	8.2	12.3	124.1	26.8	41.0	12.9	203.5
Dec-02	416.5	35.9	28.6	4.2	8.5	13.0	123.9	22.1	43.4	14.7	201.6
Jan-03	416.0	33.4	28.8	6.4	7.6	12.2	124.1	24.1	43.4	18.3	201.3
Feb-03	421.9	35.7	28.3	4.0	12.2	13.4	119.7	26.5	49.9	15.8	207.0
Mar-03	435.3	39.6	29.0	4.1	15.5	14.6	121.8	24.0	50.7	15.5	210.0
Apr-03	424.8	35.6	26.9	2.3	14.6	14.4	116.9	24.8	51.8	14.5	208.7
May-03	428.7	35.3	27.8	2.4	18.5	14.7	118.5	25.4	52.8	14.2	210.4
Jun-03	424.1	33.5	30.0	5.2	15.4	14.0	123.0	24.8	51.6	16.5	203.5
Jul-03	425.6	33.0	33.8	4.8	15.8	13.3	122.2	25.7	52.5	15.4	206.4
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 425.2	a 35.2	a 29.2	a 4.2	a 14.2	a 13.8	a 120.9	a 25.0	a 50.4	a 15.7	a 206.8
% change	9.4	28.5	23.5	71.8	35.7	10.0	3.2	17.9	8.2	-14.0	6.6
Last 12 months	420.0	34.5	29.1	4.3	11.9	13.1	122.7	26.1	46.9	15.2	204.5
Previous 12	384.7	26.7	24.8	3.2	11.7	12.1	115.3	20.5	46.8	16.4	191.0
% change	9.2	29.2	17.5	36.4	2.1	8.8	6.4	26.8	0.2	-7.4	7.1
% ch. year ago	5.9	9.3	29.0	60.0	50.5	4.7	1.2	-6.9	16.4	-7.8	2.7
% ch prev mnth	0.4	-1.5	12.7	-7.7	2.6	-5.0	-0.7	3.6	1.7	-6.7	1.4

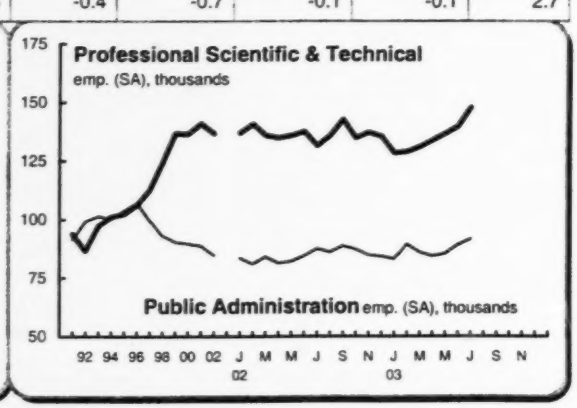


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
1999	1,509.9	308.5	117.9	119.9	136.7	127.5	195.2	91.6	152.7	90.4
2000	1,534.7	303.2	114.4	119.5	136.4	134.9	202.1	99.3	164.0	89.7
2001	1,550.4	309.5	106.9	116.2	141.0	135.7	203.8	106.2	170.6	88.8
2002	1,574.4	319.0	110.1	118.9	136.7	139.7	217.3	105.6	171.0	84.7
Jan-01	1,542.8	307.9	108.2	122.9	138.1	134.2	194.1	108.0	170.7	86.8
Feb-01	1,548.4	301.1	106.6	122.8	138.9	136.6	188.3	110.2	182.5	89.1
Mar-01	1,562.0	309.4	114.3	118.4	138.5	130.6	205.1	114.7	175.8	89.4
Apr-01	1,547.3	301.4	110.4	122.0	143.3	132.5	198.7	108.5	168.8	90.9
May-01	1,571.2	312.4	105.8	118.3	141.9	137.4	209.6	108.5	172.0	96.3
Jun-01	1,555.5	303.4	103.9	119.7	151.7	130.2	211.4	103.2	165.4	90.7
Jul-01	1,554.4	304.1	105.4	115.4	146.6	133.3	213.2	103.3	168.9	88.6
Aug-01	1,540.6	307.9	105.8	118.4	142.2	133.1	208.2	103.4	168.6	88.5
Sep-01	1,534.4	311.5	108.5	111.0	140.3	134.8	204.2	102.3	163.4	84.7
Oct-01	1,538.1	313.3	106.7	111.1	142.4	137.1	197.2	104.7	169.8	84.5
Nov-01	1,553.3	322.6	107.2	106.2	137.7	146.4	203.0	102.9	162.8	89.3
Dec-01	1,553.3	317.5	100.3	108.6	131.0	140.6	212.2	104.3	179.5	85.8
Jan-02	1,561.4	311.2	106.4	115.6	137.0	138.7	215.3	108.0	175.1	83.5
Feb-02	1,549.5	311.9	107.0	111.7	140.8	134.7	210.2	101.7	175.7	81.0
Mar-02	1,558.1	303.2	104.8	110.0	136.0	139.5	211.4	107.1	180.1	84.1
Apr-02	1,568.6	321.1	106.2	108.2	134.9	143.1	216.3	103.4	179.0	81.4
May-02	1,559.1	320.4	107.0	111.5	135.8	138.9	213.6	99.3	173.1	82.1
Jun-02	1,581.4	319.0	109.4	118.9	137.6	141.0	218.7	107.1	172.1	84.5
Jul-02	1,586.0	323.8	113.0	118.8	131.5	141.7	222.4	109.2	170.2	87.6
Aug-02	1,593.0	323.5	108.7	123.5	135.8	147.0	218.0	118.1	167.0	86.1
Sep-02	1,591.1	323.8	116.7	123.9	142.7	141.9	218.0	103.1	166.1	88.8
Oct-02	1,583.2	322.0	114.9	128.4	134.9	137.7	223.8	100.2	165.1	87.3
Nov-02	1,583.5	321.6	111.7	127.8	137.2	136.1	220.9	106.1	167.1	84.8
Dec-02	1,578.1	324.9	115.4	128.9	135.5	138.2	219.6	102.7	161.9	84.2
Jan-03	1,574.2	328.3	116.7	128.4	128.4	148.4	207.5	101.1	162.6	83.1
Feb-03	1,580.1	323.6	116.6	127.9	129.0	150.0	211.8	101.2	159.8	89.4
Mar-03	1,584.4	318.7	119.8	127.7	131.0	153.7	211.6	101.7	159.6	86.0
Apr-03	1,587.5	321.7	114.3	128.9	133.7	149.5	214.5	107.7	156.9	84.4
May-03	1,575.8	314.7	117.5	119.8	136.6	148.9	210.9	108.4	155.4	85.3
Jun-03	1,582.5	316.8	111.2	122.0	139.7	145.1	214.3	105.5	160.2	89.2
Jul-03	1,590.8	321.5	109.5	121.7	147.8	144.5	212.8	105.4	160.0	91.6
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,582.2	a 320.8	a 115.1	a 125.2	a 135.2	a 148.6	a 211.9	a 104.4	a 159.2	a 87.0
% change	1.0	1.6	6.9	10.3	-0.8	6.4	-1.6	-0.7	-9.0	4.2
Last 12 months	1,583.7	321.8	114.4	125.7	136.0	145.1	215.3	105.1	161.8	86.7
Previous 12	1,557.0	315.3	106.9	112.5	137.3	139.1	211.1	104.5	172.5	84.8
% change	1.7	2.1	7.1	11.8	-0.9	4.3	2.0	0.6	-6.2	2.3
% ch. year ago	0.3	-0.7	-3.1	2.4	12.4	2.0	-4.3	-3.5	-6.0	4.6
% ch prev mnth	0.5	1.5	-1.5	-0.2	5.8	-0.4	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	2.7

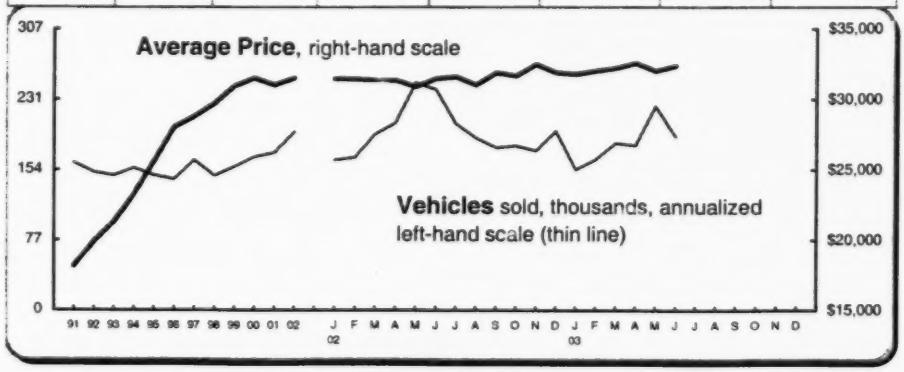




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

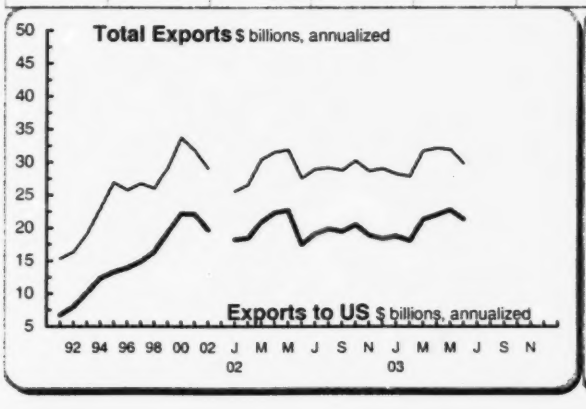
	Business			Consumer				
	Business	Bankruptcies		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
		Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada						
	Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	Unadjusted				SA		Unadjusted	
1999	21,009	1,077	8,181	111.2	33,684.3	2,202.0	157,213	4,865,611
2000	21,515	980	9,184	113.3	35,820.6	2,151.5	167,770	5,286,870
2001	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	37,979.1	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	40,272.6	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
Jan-01	1,595	93	773	114.5	3,077.4	134.2	10,600	326,444
Feb-01	1,466	86	818	112.6	3,114.5	137.5	10,713	334,033
Mar-01	2,175	93	912	113.3	3,111.6	169.1	15,574	496,910
Apr-01	1,494	92	744	115.0	3,116.0	172.9	15,568	486,416
May-01	1,842	90	892	115.6	3,151.2	182.9	17,983	546,264
Jun-01	1,661	88	847	116.3	3,181.8	183.9	17,106	532,138
Jul-01	1,585	79	694	116.3	3,180.8	183.4	13,945	425,172
Aug-01	1,536	87	827	116.1	3,183.6	193.7	14,394	437,731
Sep-01	1,383	70	711	116.7	3,173.6	182.5	13,340	407,631
Oct-01	1,785	117	840	115.8	3,177.0	202.1	12,991	403,885
Nov-01	1,667	109	795	114.9	3,222.4	234.3	14,556	459,236
Dec-01	1,560	96	621	114.8	3,289.1	368.3	15,836	500,780
Jan-02	1,504	103	805	115.4	3,285.2	144.3	13,737	432,290
Feb-02	1,876	118	803	115.9	3,312.7	143.6	13,965	439,351
Mar-02	1,655	104	861	116.6	3,300.9	176.5	16,071	504,331
Apr-02	1,944	119	846	117.7	3,329.8	182.0	17,098	536,147
May-02	1,849	97	817	118.1	3,371.8	196.7	20,729	640,620
Jun-02	1,624	83	809	118.2	3,410.6	195.9	20,099	632,543
Jul-02	2,034	85	796	118.5	3,347.6	188.6	17,009	537,576
Aug-02	1,524	88	797	118.7	3,359.7	198.6	15,728	488,008
Sep-02	1,755	66	795	118.8	3,357.8	187.0	14,829	472,900
Oct-02	2,000	97	851	118.7	3,398.6	201.3	14,986	474,423
Nov-02	1,901	61	717	118.9	3,416.0	243.6	14,557	472,875
Dec-02	1,596	84	630	118.8	3,381.9	367.2	16,324	520,565
Jan-03	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,431.1	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,468.5	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,375.5	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,403.0	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	1,747	68	761	120.4	3,391.8	206.3	18,589	594,872
Jun-03	2,047	93	840	120.2	3,399.4	202.4	15,835	512,784
Jul-03	1,837	-	-	120.5	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 13,353	t 550	t 4,930	a 120.1	t 20,469.2	t 1,072.0	t 91,256	t 2,935,355
% change	6.9	-11.9	-0.2	2.5	2.3	3.2	-10.3	-7.8
Last 12 months	22,129	1,031	9,516	119.6	40,730.8	2,458.3	184,689	5,901,702
Previous 12	20,417	1,182	9,429	116.6	39,237.6	2,403.3	186,761	5,819,717
% change	8.4	-12.8	0.9	2.6	3.8	2.3	-1.1	1.4
% ch. year ago	-9.7	12.0	3.8	1.7	-0.3	3.3	-21.2	-18.9
% ch prev mnth	-10.3	36.8	10.4	0.2	0.2	-1.9	-14.8	-13.8

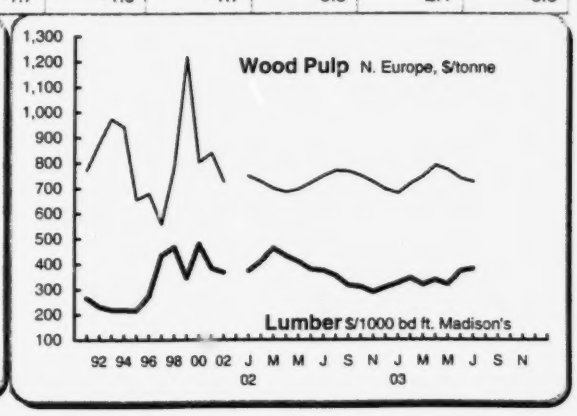


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
1999	29,113.3	19,370.7	4,468.3	27,169.8	344.86	1,218.08	1.06	413.78	7.77	8.71	28.73
2000	33,749.9	22,196.1	4,890.5	30,804.4	480.11	804.60	1.22	413.95	7.35	9.11	44.88
2001	31,780.0	22,110.1	4,058.0	31,643.7	383.47	839.49	1.11	419.83	6.79	0.62	40.29
2002	29,040.5	19,697.7	3,871.4	31,515.8	368.25	727.84	1.11	486.82	7.23	0.56	37.19
Jan-01	3,055.1	2,134.1	405.4	2,644.6	272.81	1,065.94	1.22	397.99	6.99	0.70	45.18
Feb-01	2,827.2	1,963.4	337.5	2,532.9	287.22	1,045.66	1.22	396.23	6.93	0.70	45.78
Mar-01	2,941.4	2,033.5	370.7	2,900.8	319.16	1,000.51	1.23	410.23	6.87	0.71	42.40
Apr-01	3,143.3	2,254.3	367.0	2,681.0	389.35	928.98	1.18	407.28	6.81	0.69	43.30
May-01	3,158.2	2,303.9	355.7	2,685.4	514.06	869.13	1.18	417.37	6.82	0.66	44.17
Jun-01	2,559.1	1,769.8	344.7	2,895.5	452.75	799.92	1.11	411.17	6.67	0.62	41.94
Jul-01	2,620.6	1,804.0	351.7	2,684.1	406.68	744.71	1.05	408.78	6.50	0.59	40.79
Aug-01	2,545.2	1,805.7	298.1	2,741.5	478.36	706.65	1.03	420.72	6.49	0.58	41.97
Sep-01	2,287.7	1,641.0	289.6	2,538.7	435.04	706.12	1.01	448.65	6.92	0.56	40.75
Oct-01	2,360.3	1,560.1	316.4	2,799.3	347.21	722.28	0.98	443.69	6.88	0.54	34.88
Nov-01	2,219.1	1,472.3	328.5	2,527.5	356.70	743.63	1.03	439.51	6.56	0.56	31.42
Dec-01	2,062.8	1,368.1	292.7	2,012.3	342.32	740.34	1.05	436.31	6.98	0.54	30.92
Jan-02	2,130.8	1,518.4	232.6	2,200.7	374.07	748.73	1.09	450.50	7.20	0.58	31.75
Feb-02	2,215.8	1,537.7	255.6	2,420.5	410.93	726.50	1.13	471.56	7.10	0.61	32.97
Mar-02	2,535.7	1,743.9	335.2	2,450.6	463.73	699.27	1.16	466.68	7.25	0.63	38.95
Apr-02	2,627.0	1,860.0	283.6	2,780.3	433.29	685.73	1.14	478.65	7.29	0.58	40.85
May-02	2,657.0	1,888.1	354.7	2,494.3	409.42	696.57	1.12	487.35	7.26	0.54	41.49
Jun-02	2,300.4	1,458.6	333.0	2,621.9	379.09	722.21	1.15	491.77	7.49	0.53	39.06
Jul-02	2,411.5	1,593.5	351.5	2,641.9	374.50	749.23	1.10	484.88	7.60	0.55	41.89
Aug-02	2,431.7	1,656.8	352.3	2,706.4	354.35	769.87	1.05	486.68	7.12	0.56	44.86
Sep-02	2,397.5	1,622.8	318.2	2,914.3	315.17	766.30	1.05	503.47	7.18	0.54	47.02
Oct-02	2,523.2	1,709.3	359.9	2,944.5	309.25	749.38	1.06	499.47	6.95	0.54	45.68
Nov-02	2,391.8	1,576.0	322.4	2,731.2	287.96	724.98	1.13	501.38	7.09	0.55	41.75
Dec-02	2,418.2	1,532.7	372.5	2,609.2	307.19	695.33	1.13	519.43	7.23	0.56	-
Jan-03	2,353.6	1,563.9	307.2	2,404.9	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	-
Feb-03	2,321.1	1,506.0	302.6	2,454.1	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	-
Mar-03	2,642.2	1,776.4	319.1	2,908.0	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	-
Apr-03	2,678.7	1,836.6	337.4	2,756.3	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	-
May-03	2,659.5	1,896.9	324.8	2,668.5	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	-
Jun-03	2,484.0	1,775.1	267.8	2,657.3	371.87	737.89	1.03	481.88	6.21	0.49	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	381.30	725.30	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 15,139.1	t 10,355.0	t 1,858.9	t 15,849.1	a 342.46	a 738.52	a 1.09	a 507.58	a 6.73	a 0.52	a 40.57
% change	4.6	3.5	3.6	5.9	-15.7	2.8	-3.8	7.0	-7.4	-11.0	-1.4
Last 12 months	29,712.8	20,046.0	3,935.7	32,396.6	330.93	739.62	1.09	503.40	6.96	0.53	39.77
Previous 12	28,562.4	19,657.9	3,671.7	30,271.7	400.39	720.61	1.08	453.68	6.99	0.57	41.34
% change	4.0	2.0	7.2	7.0	-17.3	2.6	0.9	11.0	-0.5	-6.6	-3.8
% ch. year ago	8.0	21.7	-19.6	1.4	1.8	-3.2	-10.4	-2.0	-17.1	-7.5	32.9
% ch prev mnth	-6.6	-6.4	-17.5	-0.4	2.5	-1.7	-1.0	-1.7	-5.3	2.1	-8.6

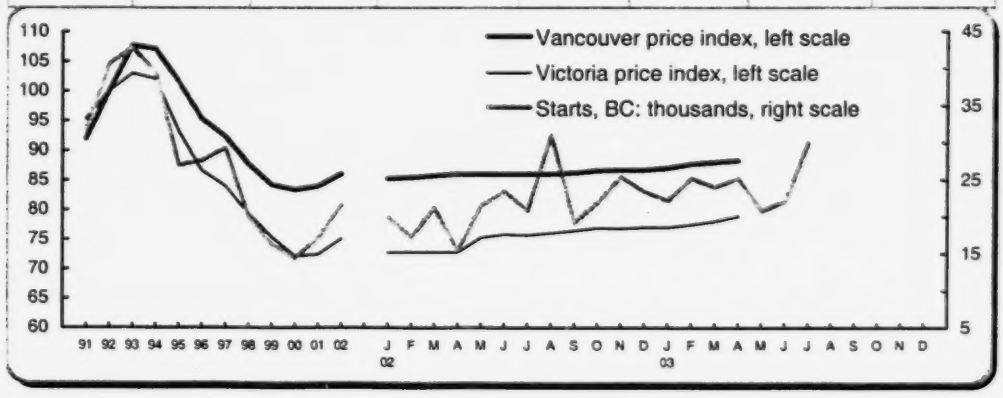




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

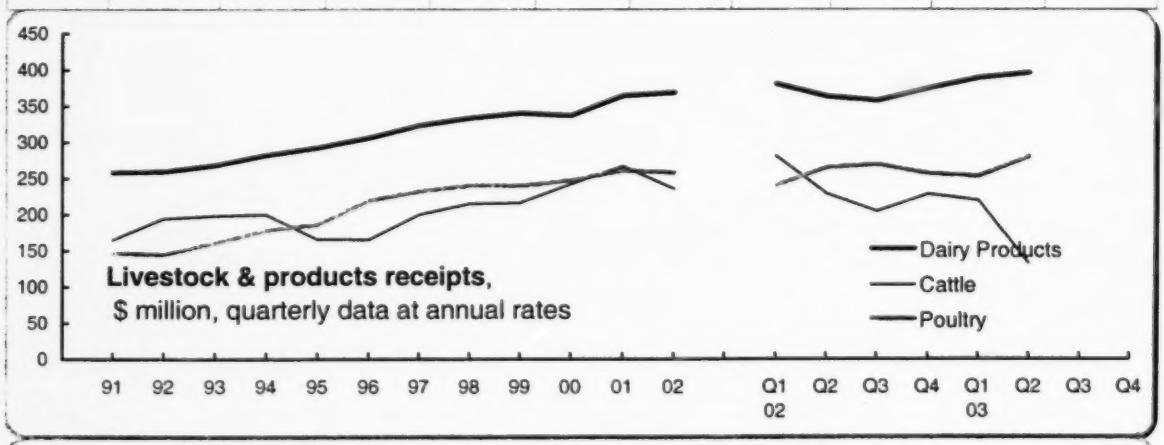
	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)				Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average
	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	Sale Price
	$ thousand				Thousands	1997=100		$
Period	Seasonally Adjusted				SAAR	Unadjusted		
1999	2,591,740	319,145	1,142,105	642,511	16.3	84.1	75.3	215,283
2000	2,403,140	295,525	1,297,270	496,062	14.4	83.3	72.1	216,989
2001	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	84.0	72.5	220,952
2002	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	86.0	75.1	238,758
Jan-01	255,306	13,334	106,066	40,488	18.6	83.0	72.0	212,316
Feb-01	192,025	17,744	152,825	42,311	15.7	83.1	72.3	219,457
Mar-01	220,914	34,167	105,780	35,866	14.5	83.2	72.3	220,108
Apr-01	209,409	21,389	123,401	94,240	17.4	83.3	72.3	218,326
May-01	273,919	18,884	106,136	81,775	17.5	83.5	72.4	225,365
Jun-01	252,338	16,692	112,650	62,600	18.4	83.6	72.4	220,747
Jul-01	253,825	20,184	98,679	100,429	17.5	84.1	72.6	223,208
Aug-01	222,431	20,077	89,505	50,023	15.1	84.2	72.6	222,995
Sep-01	203,800	16,860	72,013	116,597	17.6	84.5	72.5	222,817
Oct-01	292,208	17,653	75,726	49,949	19.2	84.8	72.6	218,773
Nov-01	199,559	14,551	68,478	28,268	17.5	85.1	72.7	220,346
Dec-01	254,141	9,818	59,974	29,766	17.0	85.0	72.7	226,524
Jan-02	267,208	9,047	126,551	15,140	19.9	85.2	72.7	227,278
Feb-02	298,083	7,837	70,847	28,726	17.3	85.4	72.8	239,065
Mar-02	314,262	8,965	75,508	45,184	21.2	85.7	72.8	240,277
Apr-02	355,054	40,967	90,266	30,001	15.4	86.0	72.8	241,274
May-02	280,270	13,653	76,347	45,177	21.5	86.0	75.3	240,626
Jun-02	291,375	18,780	126,673	42,078	23.5	86.0	75.8	237,494
Jul-02	295,338	44,226	83,454	40,013	20.8	86.0	75.7	232,181
Aug-02	346,185	21,649	69,729	33,380	31.0	86.0	76.0	233,105
Sep-02	302,575	13,330	105,675	35,673	19.2	86.2	76.4	241,662
Oct-02	391,734	19,862	103,331	35,024	21.9	86.6	76.9	240,719
Nov-02	321,327	19,811	98,536	33,440	25.4	86.7	76.8	245,895
Dec-02	424,740	11,992	89,824	40,572	23.4	86.7	77.0	244,004
Jan-03	361,590	18,846	140,232	36,147	22.2	87.0	77.0	242,202
Feb-03	293,940	11,044	64,194	32,484	25.2	87.7	77.5	256,430
Mar-03	440,691	10,789	77,463	26,781	24.0	88.0	78.0	252,979
Apr-03	324,610	36,824	74,258	54,802	25.2	88.3	78.9	250,071
May-03	353,408	13,158	88,083	27,518	20.8	-	-	250,522
Jun-03	345,353	16,107	83,768	37,714	22.1	-	-	256,107
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	30.0	-	-	255,162
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 2,119,592	t 106,768	t 527,998	t 215,446	a 24.2	a 87.8	a 77.9	a 251,925
% change	17.3	7.6	-6.7	4.4	21.4	2.5	7.0	6.3
Last 12 months	4,201,491	237,638	1,078,547	433,548	24.2	86.8	76.8	247,405
Previous 12	3,232,216	198,392	1,030,567	581,338	18.8	84.8	72.6	230,804
% change	30.0	19.8	4.7	-25.4	28.5	2.4	5.7	7.2
% ch. year ago	18.5	-14.2	-33.9	-10.4	44.2	2.7	8.4	9.9
% ch prev mnth	-2.3	22.4	-4.9	37.1	35.7	0.3	1.2	-0.4

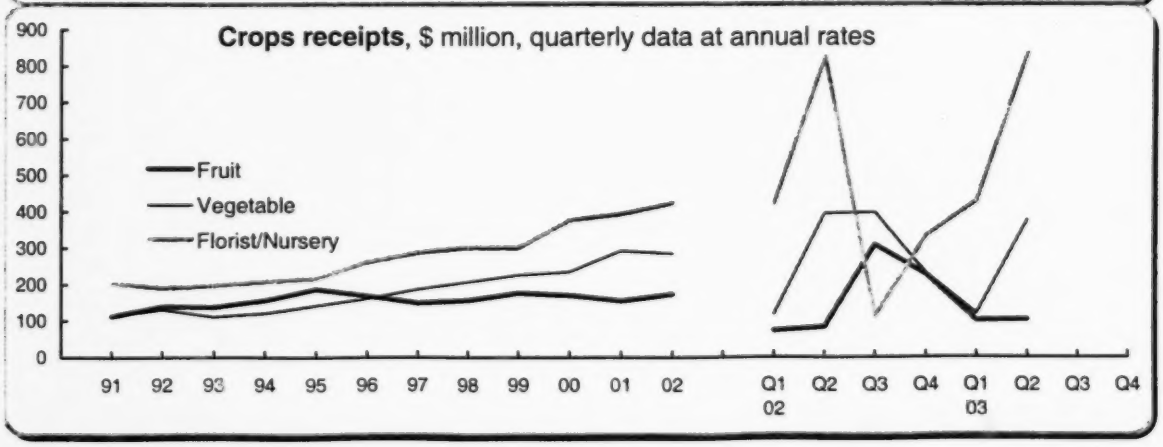


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Vege-tables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
1999	340,031	216,299	239,616	223,170	1,019,116	176,873	227,080	300,769	172,890	877,612	1,937,540
2000	336,977	242,423	247,310	256,878	1,083,588	170,919	235,747	377,167	168,523	952,356	2,074,488
2001	364,478	266,566	260,896	265,180	1,157,120	156,010	293,052	394,354	188,208	1,031,624	2,248,607
2002	368,630	235,613	257,753	252,481	1,114,477	173,486	285,264	423,694	213,715	1,096,159	2,241,551
Q1-01	89,594	73,614	57,828	62,446	283,482	18,179	33,153	98,587	52,097	202,016	497,003
Q2-01	91,240	64,655	67,616	54,720	278,231	21,670	94,244	192,142	39,408	347,464	631,267
Q3-01	90,438	45,545	69,162	60,362	265,507	67,190	102,324	27,189	34,913	231,616	509,029
Q4-01	93,206	82,752	66,290	87,652	329,900	48,971	63,331	76,436	61,790	250,528	611,308
Q1-02	95,023	70,276	60,131	61,121	286,551	18,408	29,572	105,923	50,994	204,897	501,066
Q2-02	90,794	57,284	66,268	49,405	263,751	21,031	98,829	206,176	37,800	363,836	630,785
Q3-02	89,238	51,048	67,293	55,010	262,589	77,122	99,132	28,157	47,016	251,427	519,767
Q4-02	93,575	57,005	64,061	86,945	301,586	56,925	57,731	83,438	77,905	275,999	589,933
Q1-03	97,255	54,861	63,155	57,485	272,756	25,278	29,878	107,349	55,614	218,119	498,746
Q2-03	98,912	33,106	69,933	46,131	248,082	25,945	94,077	208,953	37,042	366,017	618,468
Q3-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 196,167	t 87,967	t 133,088	t 103,616	t 520,838	t 51,223	t 123,955	t 316,302	t 92,656	t 584,136	t 1,117,214
% change	5.6	-31.0	5.3	-6.3	-5.4	29.9	-3.5	1.3	4.3	2.7	-1.3
Last 4 quarters	378,980	196,020	264,442	245,571	1,085,013	185,270	280,818	427,897	217,577	1,111,562	2,226,914
Previous 4	369,461	255,857	261,851	258,540	1,145,709	155,600	294,056	415,724	185,497	1,050,877	2,252,188
% change	2.6	-23.4	1.0	-5.0	-5.3	19.1	-4.5	2.9	17.3	5.8	-1.1
% ch. year ago	8.9	-42.2	5.5	-6.6	-5.9	23.4	-4.8	1.3	-2.0	0.6	-2.0
% ch. prev qtr	1.7	-39.7	10.7	-19.8	-9.0	2.6	214.9	94.6	-33.4	67.8	24.0

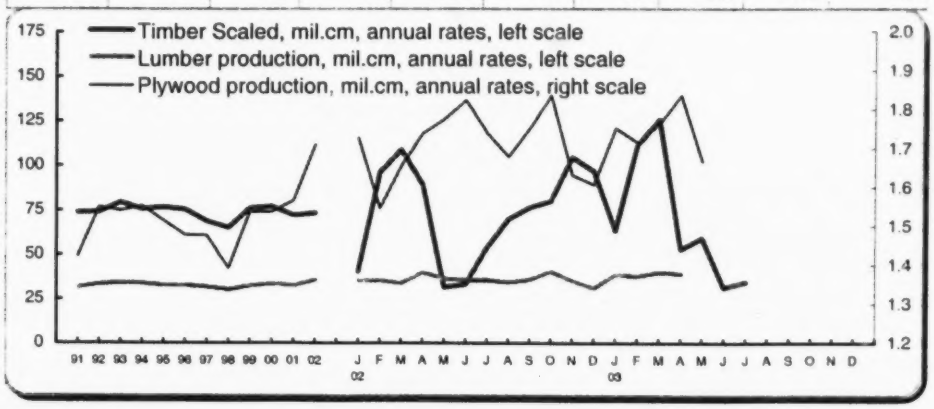




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

	Timber	Production					Shipments			
	Timber Scaled	Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
Period	Thousand cubic metres			Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
1999	75,997	32,397.1	1,538	1,379	1,660	3,039	4,995	1,380	1,636	8,010
2000	76,984	33,503.7	1,539	1,428	1,665	3,093	5,152	1,452	1,674	8,289
2001	72,009	32,494.0	1,567	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,386	35,659.5	1,710	1,171	1,749	2,920	4,493	1,165	1,732	7,391
Jan-01	5,254	3,081.3	129	128	148	276	388	128	142	657
Feb-01	9,182	3,240.7	126	114	133	247	410	111	124	644
Mar-01	10,023	2,708.5	129	116	145	261	426	119	142	687
Apr-01	7,243	2,969.9	133	113	137	250	433	115	131	679
May-01	2,617	2,951.2	135	113	138	251	394	99	132	625
Jun-01	2,406	2,931.2	139	83	130	213	411	99	133	643
Jul-01	4,230	2,411.2	139	95	130	225	419	91	124	634
Aug-01	6,370	2,541.7	119	108	142	250	351	106	139	597
Sep-01	6,570	2,658.1	136	99	127	226	365	109	130	604
Oct-01	7,432	2,522.8	141	115	149	264	387	103	153	643
Nov-01	5,350	2,474.9	131	101	143	244	343	94	133	571
Dec-01	5,332	2,002.5	110	82	111	193	383	94	128	605
Jan-02	3,366	2,947.5	144	76	136	212	318	78	129	525
Feb-02	8,011	2,929.9	129	91	133	224	368	84	125	578
Mar-02	9,078	2,813.1	138	83	142	225	394	86	141	621
Apr-02	7,434	3,323.1	145	97	139	236	391	99	132	622
May-02	2,623	3,007.4	148	107	143	250	355	94	147	596
Jun-02	2,774	2,957.0	152	98	136	234	430	112	147	689
Jul-02	4,493	2,958.0	145	106	152	258	392	107	148	647
Aug-02	5,810	2,857.5	140	98	158	256	354	100	151	606
Sep-02	6,361	2,991.5	146	104	157	261	348	99	152	599
Oct-02	6,665	3,368.1	153	109	153	262	340	104	162	606
Nov-02	8,711	2,923.3	136	98	158	256	383	96	155	634
Dec-02	8,060	2,583.1	134	104	142	246	420	106	143	668
Jan-03	5,290	3,223.3	146	107	156	263	441	104	142	687
Feb-03	9,296	3,154.9	143	95	135	230	390	90	138	618
Mar-03	10,494	3,333.2	147	107	145	252	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	3,258.7	153	106	154	260	374	100	152	625
May-03	4,929	-	139	99	142	241	336	96	146	579
Jun-03	2,615	-	-	93	104	207	358	104	129	590
Jul-03	2,884	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 39,911	t 12,970	t 728	t 607	t 836	t 1,453	t 2,292	t 604	t 855	t 3,750
% change	5.6	8.0	3.4	10.0	0.8	5.2	1.6	9.2	4.1	3.3
Last 12 months	75,518	36,616	1,734	1,226	1,756	2,992	4,529	1,216	1,766	7,510
Previous 12	68,833	32,507	1,619	1,152	1,631	2,783	4,504	1,150	1,628	7,285
% change	9.7	12.6	7.1	6.4	7.7	7.5	0.6	5.7	8.5	3.1
% ch. year ago	-35.8	-1.9	-6.1	-5.1	-23.5	-11.5	-16.7	-7.1	-12.2	-14.4
% ch prev mnth	10.3	-2.2	-9.2	-6.1	-26.8	-14.1	6.5	8.3	-11.6	1.9



9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Ministry of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	GW.h
	Unadjusted											
1999	1,631.4	22,670.0	24,301.5	178.2	40.3	126.2	6.3	25.0	497.3	24,635.1	2,347.6	68,044,863
2000	1,455.1	23,804.3	25,259.3	270.7	46.9	145.5	7.0	25.2	586.9	25,024.3	2,552.3	68,240,926
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,196.9	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	1,587.1	22,821.7	24,409.0	243.7	2.3	44.9	7.5	21.7	659.6	31,323.9	2,423.7	64,944,991
Jan-01	100.7	2,191.0	2,291.8	23.1	2.8	8.6	0.6	2.1	52.3	2,187.5	201.8	5,643,655
Feb-01	168.1	1,995.1	2,163.1	22.7	3.2	9.7	0.7	1.9	50.7	2,010.0	183.7	5,421,711
Mar-01	158.2	2,214.4	2,372.6	23.1	1.5	6.0	0.7	1.9	39.2	2,200.3	209.7	4,528,090
Apr-01	167.0	2,181.9	2,348.9	21.5	4.0	6.3	1.1	1.8	56.8	2,322.3	223.7	4,683,280
May-01	103.1	2,196.7	2,299.8	19.6	5.1	8.5	0.9	2.4	54.0	2,434.4	187.5	4,421,192
Jun-01	139.3	2,147.5	2,286.9	22.0	5.8	17.1	0.7	2.1	42.7	2,303.1	205.5	3,699,177
Jul-01	144.4	2,032.2	2,176.6	25.7	0.4	3.9	0.6	2.3	59.4	2,607.0	217.0	3,700,006
Aug-01	56.2	1,908.7	1,964.9	27.7	4.8	13.3	0.7	1.8	39.6	2,614.9	223.0	4,327,732
Sep-01	82.8	2,339.0	2,421.8	22.8	2.2	4.4	0.7	1.9	55.5	2,487.1	214.4	4,431,823
Oct-01	88.3	2,359.4	2,447.7	22.6	0.6	10.2	0.6	2.0	48.1	2,590.6	211.3	5,199,294
Nov-01	97.7	2,354.2	2,451.9	19.6	2.9	8.8	0.6	1.4	40.6	2,497.7	208.5	5,037,577
Dec-01	136.8	1,834.1	1,970.9	25.0	2.0	12.2	0.6	2.1	65.2	2,534.5	209.5	6,238,575
Jan-02	67.9	1,876.8	1,944.7	19.9	-	-	0.8	1.7	52.9	2,576.8	191.9	6,165,789
Feb-02	112.6	1,662.4	1,775.0	19.3	-	-	0.6	1.2	32.6	2,396.8	183.7	5,280,213
Mar-02	77.4	1,946.8	2,024.2	21.7	-	-	0.6	2.1	73.7	2,784.5	216.2	5,077,051
Apr-02	160.0	2,036.4	2,196.4	20.5	0.1	2.9	0.6	1.7	63.4	2,752.2	208.6	4,766,468
May-02	178.3	2,383.4	2,561.7	21.6	0.1	3.0	0.5	1.8	61.9	2,834.6	208.9	4,113,119
Jun-02	216.3	1,987.6	2,204.0	21.0	0.4	7.2	0.7	1.9	45.3	2,686.3	208.9	4,138,878
Jul-02	141.2	1,826.9	1,968.1	20.8	0.4	3.4	0.6	1.8	48.7	2,733.3	206.0	5,635,688
Aug-02	179.2	1,766.0	1,945.3	18.1	0.1	6.5	0.5	1.8	54.9	2,432.3	200.9	5,606,627
Sep-02	124.6	1,887.6	2,012.3	19.5	0.6	5.9	0.7	1.9	62.6	2,416.1	200.6	5,567,904
Oct-02	155.4	1,873.6	2,029.0	20.2	0.1	6.1	0.5	2.0	66.7	2,663.3	207.8	5,839,764
Nov-02	101.5	1,932.8	2,034.2	20.7	0.4	7.5	0.9	1.6	43.0	2,500.6	194.8	6,158,034
Dec-02	72.7	1,641.4	1,714.1	22.1	-	-	0.7	2.4	61.2	2,547.1	195.4	6,595,456
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,896.7	19.6	1.3	8.3	0.8	1.5	36.3	-	-	6,298,469
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.2	18.4	0.8	7.1	0.7	1.6	47.1	-	-	5,441,934
Mar-03	-	-	-	19.8	0.9	0.3	0.8	2.0	76.7	-	-	5,448,202
Apr-03	-	-	-	21.0	1.1	6.6	0.7	1.6	54.5	-	-	4,386,717
May-03	-	-	-	21.1	0.4	6.6	0.7	2.0	56.0	-	-	4,412,316
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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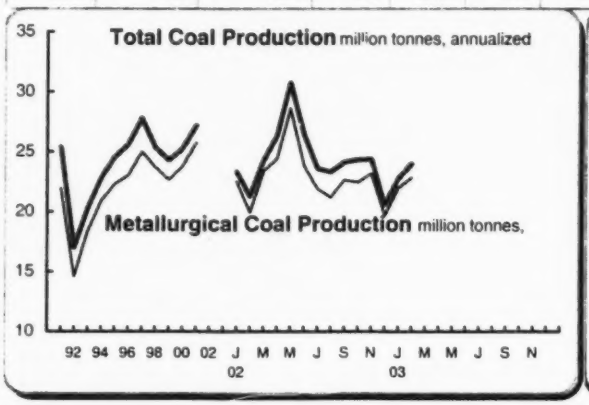
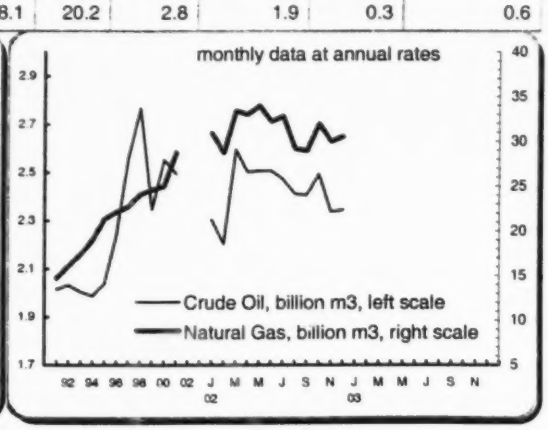
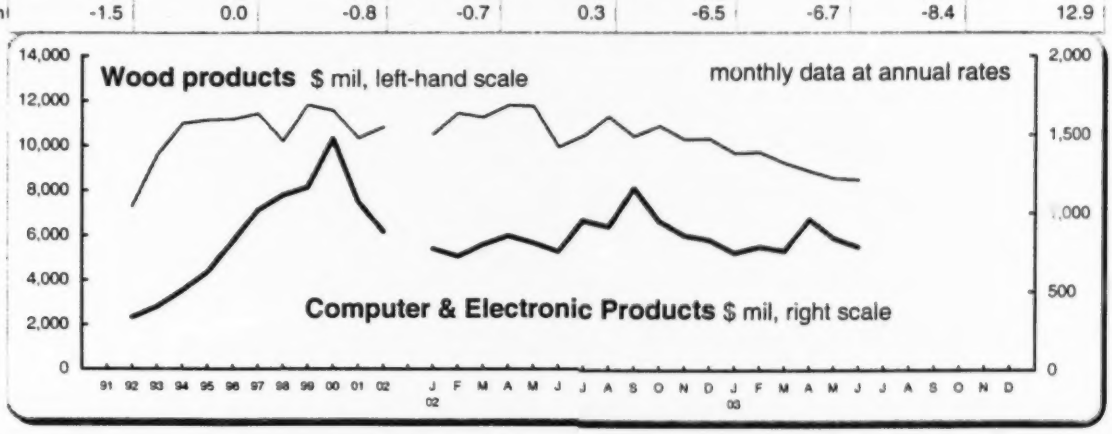
% change	-10.2	5.5	4.7	-3.0	3,579.8	389.8	20.1	1.8	-4.9	8.8	-2.9	2.3
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	24,585.2	242.3	6.6	65.5	8.3	21.9	653.0	31,323.9	2,423.7	65,529,989
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	26,461.7	268.4	18.7	75.8	7.6	22.1	635.6	28,789.4	2,495.6	58,036,824
% change	15.8	-8.3	-7.1	-9.7	-64.8	-13.6	8.3	-1.1	2.7	8.8	-2.9	12.9
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	12.6	-2.3	624.5	120.0	38.8	8.9	-9.5	0.5	-6.7	7.3
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	5.4	0.5	-64.3	0.0	-8.1	20.2	2.8	1.9	0.3	0.6





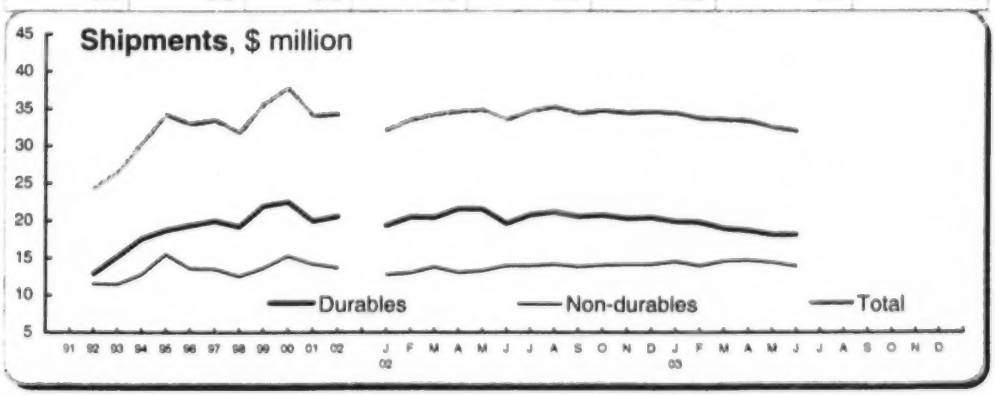
10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

Period	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
	Seasonally Adjusted								
1999	35,616,043	21,981,658	11,806,900	1,074,703	1,496,425	1,621,465	1,163,437	465,488	1,826,006
2000	37,767,533	22,501,001	11,565,797	1,074,892	1,701,357	1,772,723	1,473,178	575,943	1,602,665
2001	34,106,110	19,951,755	10,330,079	1,160,355	1,575,248	1,466,685	1,067,970	515,043	1,348,986
2002	34,236,168	20,556,818	10,830,180	1,357,210	1,609,307	1,594,173	878,535	345,393	1,283,029
Jan-01	3,018,896	1,771,819	886,387	91,849	136,886	142,465	124,518	54,908	107,998
Feb-01	2,967,184	1,746,697	869,852	86,968	134,905	143,499	123,333	54,766	109,357
Mar-01	2,956,761	1,687,044	851,775	93,518	131,726	132,169	103,069	48,571	111,141
Apr-01	2,929,079	1,730,040	884,329	92,189	133,892	134,066	104,176	47,881	121,269
May-01	2,967,239	1,748,597	912,629	96,510	129,578	120,940	108,621	49,965	114,989
Jun-01	2,878,570	1,696,075	904,704	98,982	127,998	123,337	85,541	43,115	107,455
Jul-01	2,848,338	1,734,143	913,655	97,976	134,026	122,085	96,958	41,400	118,955
Aug-01	2,801,981	1,660,877	880,167	98,194	129,758	117,450	69,539	47,357	113,580
Sep-01	2,732,842	1,607,095	856,928	96,736	130,998	113,586	65,375	35,871	103,218
Oct-01	2,703,105	1,542,410	791,180	101,695	128,631	112,460	73,538	28,888	112,497
Nov-01	2,690,212	1,543,274	777,311	102,465	131,607	107,941	66,258	33,422	137,893
Dec-01	2,672,206	1,549,296	820,100	99,994	125,596	106,937	64,838	33,981	103,756
Jan-02	2,677,644	1,612,815	874,710	102,273	131,557	108,817	64,207	30,492	96,106
Feb-02	2,791,783	1,707,663	953,170	106,689	132,851	111,128	60,112	30,747	109,372
Mar-02	2,849,295	1,701,115	937,548	98,913	125,413	129,117	66,440	29,571	101,831
Apr-02	2,884,539	1,798,121	981,526	108,478	137,452	124,125	71,101	27,564	131,877
May-02	2,901,372	1,794,284	979,186	117,187	139,711	127,383	67,277	28,278	111,267
Jun-02	2,793,577	1,632,276	827,368	112,739	137,734	132,893	62,567	25,316	112,423
Jul-02	2,891,198	1,731,590	867,609	114,838	140,731	126,088	79,400	25,659	145,027
Aug-02	2,939,186	1,762,217	941,052	118,097	143,514	137,647	76,154	28,359	95,959
Sep-02	2,861,978	1,709,605	868,536	119,246	129,230	136,518	96,557	29,360	112,061
Oct-02	2,895,850	1,727,572	906,928	112,669	130,137	143,207	79,001	27,753	87,086
Nov-02	2,868,679	1,691,574	856,477	119,112	135,531	153,541	71,558	31,104	93,648
Dec-02	2,880,562	1,702,801	859,879	127,269	133,498	155,022	69,234	30,762	95,088
Jan-03	2,867,010	1,657,510	805,577	127,229	139,098	146,538	62,310	32,216	100,930
Feb-03	2,809,724	1,649,114	808,682	126,402	142,647	150,104	65,534	32,482	85,951
Mar-03	2,794,664	1,579,026	769,111	122,774	135,020	138,426	63,246	31,713	95,819
Apr-03	2,779,680	1,556,350	739,590	118,765	132,814	140,533	80,129	27,492	90,762
May-03	2,708,064	1,509,757	712,484	122,082	130,463	144,187	70,041	30,677	84,712
Jun-03	2,666,864	1,509,249	706,976	121,205	130,915	134,851	65,362	28,089	95,675
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 16,626,006	t 9,461,006	t 4,542,420	t 738,457	t 810,957	t 854,639	t 406,622	t 182,669	t 553,849
% change	-1.6	-7.7	-18.2	14.3	0.8	16.5	3.8	6.2	-16.4
Last 12 months	33,963,459	19,786,365	9,842,901	1,449,688	1,623,598	1,706,662	878,526	355,666	1,182,718
Previous 12	33,346,894	19,883,369	10,592,849	1,243,339	1,585,334	1,413,922	828,210	392,887	1,352,775
% change	1.8	-0.5	-7.1	16.6	2.4	20.7	6.1	-9.5	-12.6
% ch. year ago	-4.5	-7.5	-14.6	7.5	-5.0	1.5	4.5	11.0	-14.9
% ch prev mnth	-1.5	0.0	-0.8	-0.7	0.3	-6.5	-6.7	-8.4	12.9



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

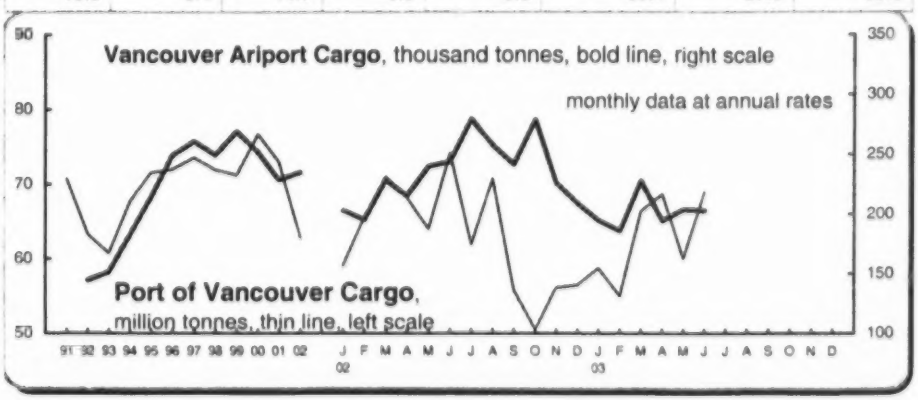
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Petroleum & Coal	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
1999	13,634,385	3,718,121	1,006,352	5,427,506	711,152	756,207	888,458	944,614
2000	15,266,531	3,804,672	1,010,774	6,729,940	771,403	768,139	925,544	1,061,664
2001	14,154,350	4,129,844	907,714	5,422,408	681,336	792,347	1,003,995	1,039,306
2002	13,679,349	4,270,321	990,256	4,789,590	608,135	753,938	1,075,604	1,007,564
Jan-01	1,247,077	332,411	78,193	521,371	63,637	69,016	81,674	85,684
Feb-01	1,220,487	334,657	77,709	497,711	57,847	67,455	83,336	88,203
Mar-01	1,269,717	342,388	76,418	545,235	60,158	63,606	81,345	86,808
Apr-01	1,199,039	343,562	74,616	477,433	55,863	66,620	79,549	87,591
May-01	1,218,642	344,464	74,821	486,574	58,210	66,405	83,544	90,284
Jun-01	1,182,495	340,597	69,662	459,763	54,511	66,414	84,926	92,391
Jul-01	1,114,195	324,524	75,304	411,742	56,750	67,995	76,760	85,937
Aug-01	1,141,104	349,553	77,257	405,736	57,673	66,917	84,891	84,322
Sep-01	1,125,747	351,732	74,335	390,251	55,851	64,528	84,797	86,408
Oct-01	1,160,695	360,934	75,670	428,662	52,213	62,702	85,969	80,310
Nov-01	1,146,938	358,262	75,586	405,370	53,696	64,514	89,456	85,858
Dec-01	1,122,910	346,594	77,378	392,560	54,976	66,918	84,150	84,599
Jan-02	1,064,829	352,974	74,740	347,882	52,426	63,609	82,595	76,600
Feb-02	1,084,120	350,878	69,465	369,908	53,450	61,886	83,105	80,207
Mar-02	1,148,180	343,679	76,468	417,132	53,361	72,455	87,376	82,763
Apr-02	1,086,418	346,745	76,439	364,370	52,079	64,911	84,598	81,608
May-02	1,107,088	351,576	76,796	377,249	51,541	64,568	85,853	85,040
Jun-02	1,161,301	348,743	81,555	423,595	52,693	63,498	87,500	89,187
Jul-02	1,159,608	352,036	81,883	411,464	55,828	65,680	87,257	89,595
Aug-02	1,176,969	359,582	83,503	421,729	54,839	60,953	93,568	87,647
Sep-02	1,152,373	356,434	86,454	415,116	44,781	61,748	90,916	80,928
Oct-02	1,168,278	368,855	90,144	400,072	45,955	61,326	99,955	85,951
Nov-02	1,177,105	365,466	90,745	425,386	46,752	56,229	96,730	81,038
Dec-02	1,177,761	366,932	90,277	415,687	45,652	59,627	96,568	85,961
Jan-03	1,209,500	389,743	89,300	420,530	46,306	64,320	101,788	87,655
Feb-03	1,160,610	366,529	86,541	387,073	46,376	65,886	107,175	89,608
Mar-03	1,215,638	369,056	85,152	444,759	44,289	67,643	104,439	88,286
Apr-03	1,223,330	371,201	84,956	443,420	42,492	66,528	117,618	87,434
May-03	1,198,307	360,428	88,925	441,076	41,130	62,685	104,811	88,373
Jun-03	1,157,615	363,736	85,504	410,675	44,514	61,133	94,738	86,756
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 7,165,000	t 2,220,693	t 520,378	t 2,547,533	t 265,107	t 388,195	t 630,569	t 528,112
% change	7.7	6.0	14.3	10.8	-16.0	-0.7	23.4	6.6
Last 12 months	14,177,094	4,389,998	1,043,384	5,036,987	558,914	753,758	1,195,563	1,039,232
Previous 12	13,463,525	4,186,194	910,993	4,734,457	646,709	784,501	1,017,050	1,002,839
% change	5.3	4.9	14.5	6.4	-13.6	-3.9	17.6	3.6
% ch. year ago	-0.3	4.3	4.8	-3.1	-15.5	-3.7	8.3	-2.7
% ch prev mnth	-3.4	0.9	-3.8	-6.9	8.2	-2.5	-9.6	-1.8



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Passenger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
1999	67,079	4,133	71,214	269,130	8,314	11,211	3,595	2,378
2000	72,463	4,181	76,646	251,772	8,306	11,123	3,593	2,390
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,081	3,720	2,518
Jan-01	5,779	351	6,130	17,019	598	582	211	101
Feb-01	6,169	331	6,500	16,625	588	574	209	105
Mar-01	5,507	339	5,846	19,695	651	811	277	163
Apr-01	6,701	317	7,018	17,840	645	859	298	190
May-01	6,301	410	6,711	19,015	720	952	318	217
Jun-01	5,955	276	6,231	20,781	732	1,026	333	233
Jul-01	5,930	359	6,290	22,302	798	1,429	428	338
Aug-01	5,231	368	5,598	21,274	860	1,593	475	399
Sep-01	4,964	360	5,323	16,401	571	986	334	250
Oct-01	5,785	363	6,148	19,338	599	790	282	188
Nov-01	5,575	308	5,883	19,594	517	639	239	122
Dec-01	5,030	228	5,258	18,790	588	781	268	138
Jan-02	4,661	260	4,922	16,919	538	559	208	97
Feb-02	5,263	202	5,465	16,279	518	575	212	105
Mar-02	5,663	253	5,916	19,041	585	799	274	162
Apr-02	5,385	294	5,678	17,911	586	785	284	170
May-02	5,044	291	5,335	19,986	643	967	327	233
Jun-02	5,902	276	6,178	20,314	655	1,031	340	246
Jul-02	4,837	327	5,164	23,284	718	1,415	429	361
Aug-02	5,625	269	5,894	21,464	790	1,617	481	415
Sep-02	4,390	261	4,651	20,139	642	1,003	346	251
Oct-02	3,922	287	4,209	23,249	641	851	298	203
Nov-02	4,434	245	4,679	18,842	507	667	242	126
Dec-02	4,510	198	4,708	17,429	599	812	279	151
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,227	537	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,587	15,481	513	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,282	253	5,535	18,992	570	776	271	143
Apr-03	5,410	310	5,720	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	4,733	272	5,005	16,979	584	928	319	232
Jun-03	5,470	271	5,742	16,925	618	992	337	257
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	1,383	431	356
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 29,898	t 1,583	t 31,482	t 100,800	t 3,345	t 6,066	t 2,082	t 1,393
% change	-6.3	0.4	-6.0	-8.7	-5.1	-1.1	0.4	1.5
Last 12 months	57,616	3,170	60,787	225,207	7,242	11,016	3,728	2,539
Previous 12	64,433	3,562	67,994	228,149	7,459	10,920	3,672	2,469
% change	-10.6	-11.0	-10.6	-1.3	-2.9	0.9	1.5	2.8
% ch. year ago	-7.3	-1.8	-7.1	-16.7	-5.7	-2.3	0.5	-1.4
% ch prev mnth	15.6	-0.4	14.7	-0.3	5.8	39.4	27.9	38.6



13 Service Sector – Tourism

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Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
1999	3,370,153	3,491,527	6,861,680	1,407,542	8,269,222	61.7	90,833	340,633	1,329,347	4,120	3,372
2000	3,407,146	3,598,815	7,005,961	1,475,766	8,481,727	60.0	112,442	325,371	1,442,085	4,074	3,652
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,983	4,000	3,608
2002	2,814,217	3,781,669	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	59.0	107,187	256,945	1,506,187	3,855	3,600
Jan-01	223,046	165,804	388,850	73,135	461,985	45.4	1,480	4,600	130,253	321	302
Feb-01	217,159	204,081	421,240	68,560	489,800	55.1	6,850	33,920	123,728	314	245
Mar-01	253,499	232,865	486,364	91,859	578,223	63.9	13,414	67,118	125,337	332	286
Apr-01	263,185	228,714	491,899	103,816	595,715	60.1	11,894	23,300	125,385	306	290
May-01	327,253	325,623	652,876	133,029	785,905	62.9	14,050	20,198	123,027	355	307
Jun-01	361,472	429,248	790,720	170,503	961,223	67.9	11,406	14,288	123,094	401	348
Jul-01	424,397	563,837	988,234	212,108	1,200,342	74.9	232	36,010	125,221	486	395
Aug-01	423,556	601,422	1,024,978	202,425	1,227,403	79.5	1,010	30,035	125,419	515	425
Sep-01	258,060	301,489	559,549	145,296	704,845	64.1	8,155	20,060	111,815	270	321
Oct-01	155,164	176,632	331,796	76,198	407,994	51.2	13,155	10,210	115,016	225	241
Nov-01	169,493	167,142	336,635	53,509	390,144	45.0	4,730	26,660	121,622	212	191
Dec-01	181,410	239,967	421,377	87,580	508,957	41.6	400	9,900	124,065	264	257
Jan-02	164,978	174,447	339,425	67,757	407,182	42.8	1,200	-	121,751	280	270
Feb-02	174,125	214,470	388,595	71,295	459,890	54.2	10,320	20,000	126,559	272	247
Mar-02	189,752	229,195	418,947	89,085	508,032	57.5	7,060	36,800	127,934	300	290
Apr-02	201,330	215,466	416,796	86,374	503,170	58.5	14,767	15,000	124,694	266	271
May-02	261,372	319,896	581,268	128,338	709,606	61.4	18,362	21,430	124,370	308	297
Jun-02	303,899	444,080	747,979	153,087	901,066	67.2	17,050	62,100	127,613	383	329
Jul-02	325,375	590,450	915,825	194,170	1,109,995	74.2	4,591	12,550	124,688	466	367
Aug-02	340,262	639,786	980,048	183,545	1,163,593	79.9	6,600	32,700	126,109	470	401
Sep-02	264,692	330,471	595,163	150,715	745,878	67.2	6,272	13,190	121,313	332	334
Oct-02	196,991	209,641	406,632	96,654	503,286	56.4	10,105	11,175	127,931	263	293
Nov-02	198,102	175,477	373,579	65,342	438,921	45.9	10,660	26,400	124,156	227	229
Dec-02	193,339	238,290	431,629	88,569	520,198	42.5	200	5,600	129,066	289	270
Jan-03	183,892	180,661	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.2	975	14,300	131,784	292	289
Feb-03	169,071	207,922	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.7	6,000	23,500	130,397	277	240
Mar-03	173,449	200,694	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.9	18,487	23,200	122,936	314	274
Apr-03	183,387	195,084	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.6	8,199	14,790	122,113	244	203
May-03	239,803	281,607	521,410	89,901	611,311	60.0	12,835	19,050	120,462	300	200
Jun-03	274,900	387,012	661,912	121,857	783,769	62.6	8,030	20,100	116,264	366	248
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,224,502	t 1,452,980	t 2,677,482	t 496,277	t 3,173,759	a 55.7	t 54,526	t 114,940	t 743,956	t 1,793	t 1,455
% change	-5.5	-9.0	-7.4	-16.7	-9.0	-2.2	-20.7	-26.0	-1.2	-0.8	-14.6
Last 12 months	2,743,263	3,637,095	6,380,358	1,275,272	7,655,630	58.3	92,954	216,555	1,497,219	3,840	3,351
Previous 12	2,907,536	3,648,043	6,555,579	1,373,052	7,928,631	58.2	96,441	288,205	1,476,079	3,779	3,535
% change	-5.6	-0.3	-2.7	-7.1	-3.4	0.3	-3.6	-24.9	1.4	1.6	-5.2
% ch. year ago	-9.5	-12.9	-11.5	-20.4	-13.0	-6.8	-52.9	-67.6	-8.9	-4.4	-24.5
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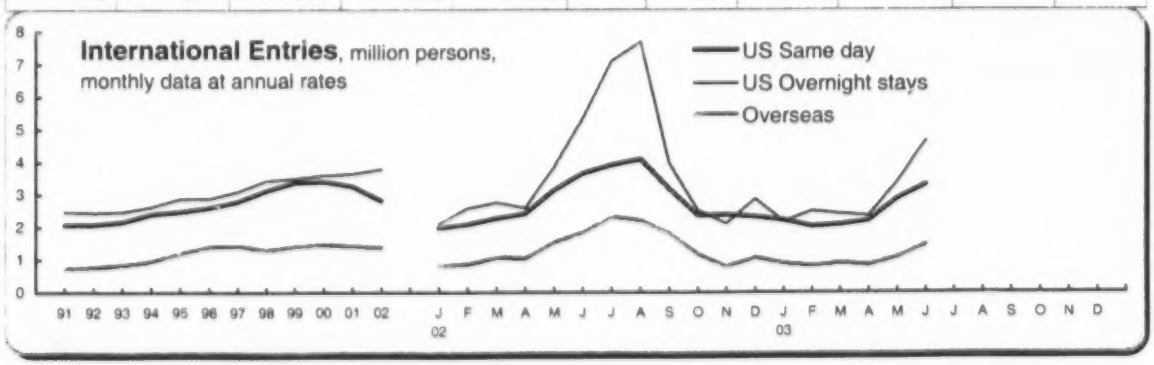

14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
1999	10,474.8	7,059.1	4.92	6.44	7.56	6.80	4.98	1.4857	82.14
2000	10,687.9	9,607.7	5.77	7.27	8.35	7.85	6.27	1.4854	82.85
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
Jan-01	10,887.4	9,321.9	5.75	7.25	7.75	7.40	5.94	1.5032	82.15
Feb-01	10,495.3	8,078.7	5.75	7.25	7.75	7.20	5.50	1.5218	81.26
Mar-01	9,878.8	7,608.0	5.25	6.75	7.25	6.70	5.00	1.5585	79.62
Apr-01	10,735.0	7,946.6	5.00	6.50	7.50	6.80	4.42	1.5575	79.85
May-01	10,911.9	8,161.9	4.75	6.25	7.75	6.70	3.98	1.5415	80.73
Jun-01	10,502.4	7,736.4	4.75	6.25	7.75	6.70	3.91	1.5244	81.82
Jul-01	10,522.8	7,689.7	4.50	6.00	7.75	6.45	3.81	1.5304	81.51
Aug-01	9,949.8	7,399.2	4.25	5.75	7.60	6.20	3.52	1.5402	80.60
Sep-01	8,847.6	6,838.6	3.75	5.25	7.15	5.45	2.99	1.5677	79.01
Oct-01	9,075.1	6,885.7	3.00	4.50	6.90	4.90	2.55	1.5712	78.98
Nov-01	9,851.6	7,425.7	2.50	4.00	6.85	4.60	1.95	1.5924	78.08
Dec-01	10,021.5	7,688.4	2.50	4.00	6.85	4.60	1.77	1.5775	78.95
Jan-02	9,920.0	7,648.5	2.25	3.75	7.00	4.55	1.78	1.6003	78.05
Feb-02	10,106.1	7,637.5	2.25	3.75	6.85	4.55	1.75	1.5958	78.38
Mar-02	10,403.9	7,851.5	2.25	3.75	7.30	5.30	1.70	1.5870	78.69
Apr-02	9,946.2	7,663.4	2.50	4.00	7.45	5.40	1.70	1.5814	78.89
May-02	9,925.2	7,656.1	2.50	4.00	7.40	5.55	1.78	1.5497	80.15
Jun-02	9,243.3	7,145.6	2.75	4.25	7.25	5.55	1.75	1.5317	80.73
Jul-02	8,736.6	6,605.4	3.00	4.50	7.05	5.35	1.72	1.5459	79.53
Aug-02	8,663.5	6,612.0	3.00	4.50	6.80	5.35	1.76	1.5679	78.54
Sep-02	7,591.9	6,180.4	3.00	4.50	6.70	5.30	1.72	1.5758	78.18
Oct-02	8,397.0	6,248.8	3.00	4.50	7.00	5.30	1.79	1.5778	78.17
Nov-02	8,896.1	6,570.4	3.00	4.50	6.70	4.90	1.27	1.5714	78.29
Dec-02	8,341.6	6,614.5	3.00	4.50	6.70	4.90	1.23	1.5593	78.80
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	9,021.5	6,983.1	3.50	5.00	5.80	4.85	1.21	1.3523	89.83
Jul-03	9,233.8	7,257.9	3.25	4.75	6.20	4.55	1.04	1.3815	88.16
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 8,503.2	a 6,736.4	a 3.29	a 4.79	a 6.39	a 4.99	a 1.21	a 1.4437	a 84.67
% change	-12.8	-9.7	31.4	19.6	-11.1	-3.6	-30.5	-8.1	6.9
Last 12 months	8,451.1	6,615.1	3.17	4.67	6.55	5.06	1.35	1.4965	82.05
Previous 12	9,668.9	7,370.5	2.79	4.29	7.14	5.17	2.08	1.5701	79.17
% change	-12.6	-10.2	13.4	8.7	-8.2	-2.1	-34.9	-4.7	3.6
% ch. year ago	5.7	9.9	8.3	5.6	-12.1	-15.0	-39.5	-10.6	10.9
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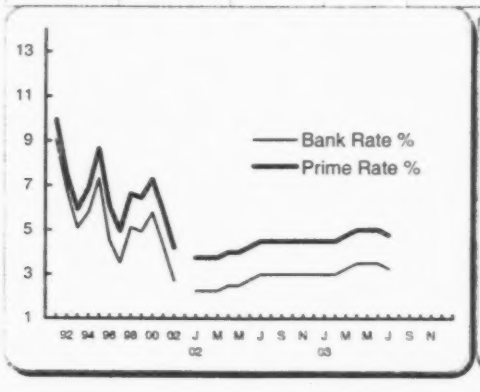

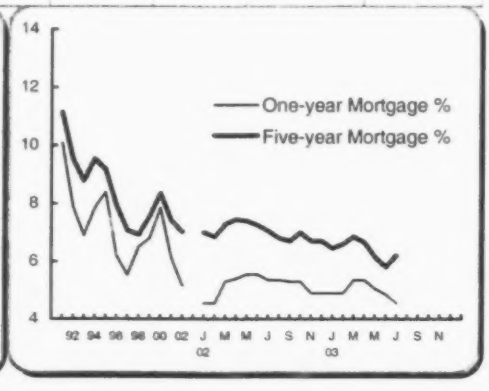

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Lean and leaner

Too deep, or not deep enough?

The recent downsizing of BC's provincial government has been a contentious issue, as some have argued that the cuts were too deep and were too quickly implemented, with inadequate provision made for ensuring the continued smooth delivery of public services to British Columbians. On the other side of the debate were those who maintained that the civil service in BC had become bloated, and that rationalization was necessary both to improve the efficiency of service delivery, and to help restore the province onto a sound financial footing.

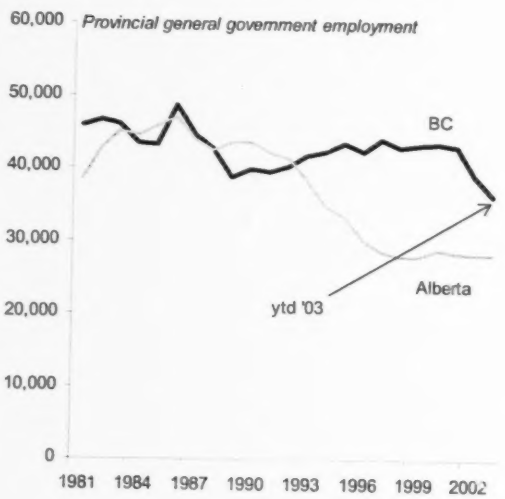
The extent to which public sector employment in the province has been affected by the restructuring should be of interest to those on both sides of the debate. Ensuring that there is consistency in the level of public services available to Canadians in all regions has long been a policy goal of the federal government. (This is one of the reasons for the system of equalization payments, of which BC has recently become a beneficiary). Under the constitution, the responsibility for providing some of these services, such as health care and education, rests with the provinces. Since the provision of these services is highly dependent on labour inputs, a comparison of public sector employment trends in BC vis-à-vis other provinces is one way to assess the likely effect of the downsizing.

Previous issues of this publication have examined trends in the size of the province's public sector, but have concentrated more on the structure of BC's public sector rather than how the province stacks up when compared with the rest of Canada. In this article, we take another look at public sector employment, this time focussing on how the situation in BC compares to that in Alberta and Ontario.

Fewer provincial government jobs

The latest data released by Statistics Canada[1] show that provincial general government employment in BC has declined substantially during the last two years. The number of people working at ministries and autonomous agencies or organizations controlled by the provincial government is currently at its lowest level in more than two decades.

Job cuts in BC's civil service have not been as deep as in Alberta during the 1990s



[1] Employment figures are from the Public Institutions Division of Statistics Canada. Definitions of terms used in this article can be found in the topic box on page 2.

About the public sector

Data on public sector employment can seem confusing, since the definition of government activities varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. The public sector definition used by Statistics Canada, and in this analysis, is based on two concepts: control and funding. Whether or not they are explicitly part of a government ministry, agencies or organizations that receive most of their funding from, or are controlled by, government are considered to be part of the ***public sector***. All three levels of government (federal, provincial and local) are included in the public sector.

The public sector is split into three branches: ***general government*** (ministries or departments, plus agencies and organizations that are either controlled or funded by government), ***institutions*** (hospitals, schools, universities and so on) and ***crown corporations***, which operate on a for-profit basis. General government encompasses many activities, ranging from public administration (the day-to-day operations of government) to providing insurance services or operating museums. The types of services provided by government vary from province to province.

Bucking the trend in the 1990s

The 1990s were a decade of change in the structure of the public sector, as federal, provincial and local governments were forced to rethink the way they functioned. Canada's difficult fiscal situation was cause for concern in some quarters (notably the IMF), and growing public unease about the deficit and debt situation put pressure on governments to tighten their belts. The federal government responded, in part, by trimming down the federal civil service and the military. Provincial governments, facing similar pressures, followed suit. Both Ontario and Alberta pared down the size of their workforce substantially during the 1990s. The job cuts in Alberta were particularly deep, mainly because the province started out with a large civil service, relative to its population. In the early 1980s, the number of provincial general government employees in Alberta was about the same as in BC, despite the fact that Alberta's population was only three-quarters the size of BC's. Alberta's civil service had expanded, riding on the coattails of rapid growth in oil and gas revenues, but the expansion came to a halt following a downturn in the energy sector in the mid-1980s.

British Columbia did not participate in the general scaling back of the civil service that occurred in most other provinces during the 1990s. Instead, the number of people working in government ministries and agencies grew with the population. Even with the recent cuts, employment in the BC provincial general government is currently only slightly lower (-380) than in 1991: a 12-year decline that is smaller in both absolute and percentage terms than in any other province.

By comparison, Alberta cut back its provincial general government workforce by a third (-13,925 people) while Ontario eliminated 24,670 jobs (-23%) during the 1990s. These two provinces together accounted for the bulk of the 44,850 provincial general government jobs that disappeared between 1991 and 2002. During this period, Quebec was the only province that took on more workers (+4,260 people, a 5% increase).

It is worth noting that only half of the people working in the BC provincial general government are engaged in public administration. The rest of them are employed by agencies and organizations that are controlled by the provincial government. These include entities such as ICBC and the Workers' Compensation Board, as well as agencies that have been set up to provide services such as highway and building maintenance and legal aid, or to promote industries such as tourism. BC is not the only province to use this method of deliv-

ering services, but it appears to rely on it to a greater extent than some other regions do. Nationally, nearly two-thirds (65%) of provincial general government workers are directly employed by government ministries or departments.

Public Sector Employment Rates

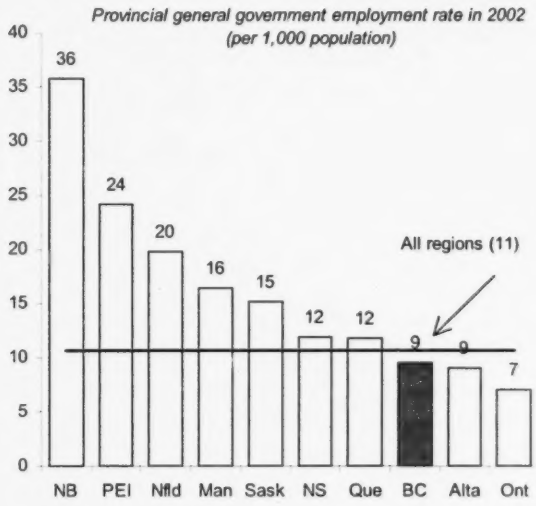
The Canadian population is largely concentrated in four provinces: Ontario (with 38% of the population), Quebec (23%), BC (13%) and Alberta (10%). By virtue of their size, these provinces account for the bulk of public sector employment in Canada so it is difficult to make meaningful comparisons based on employment figures alone.

Public sector employment rates are calculated as the ratio of total employment to population (in 1,000s). In addition to normalizing the data based on population size, the employment rate is an indicator of how efficiently services are being delivered, as well as preferences in work arrangements. (For example, if part-time employment is more common in some regions of the country than in others, the public sector employment rate would be higher since employment data do not account for hours worked). Differences in employment rates also highlight variations in the structure of government (e.g., New Brunswick schools) and the extent to which governments are involved in providing services that may be produced by private sector establishments in other regions. Finally, it should be noted that bigger provinces can take advantage of economies of scale in providing some types of services, so it is reasonable to expect employment rates to be lower in the most populous regions.

BC's provincial government is lean, but not the leanest in the country

Public sector employment data are usually normalized by population in order to facilitate comparisons among regions and over time. Using this measure, the size of BC's provincial government workforce is similar to that in other large provinces. Last year, there were 9 provincial general government workers in BC for every 1,000 people living in the province, about the same number as in Alberta (9). Ontario (7) was the only region with a lower employment rate. The national average was 11, and rates in the rest of the country ranged from 12 in Quebec to 36 in New Brunswick[2].

The general government employment rate in BC is below the national average, and comparable to that in other large provinces

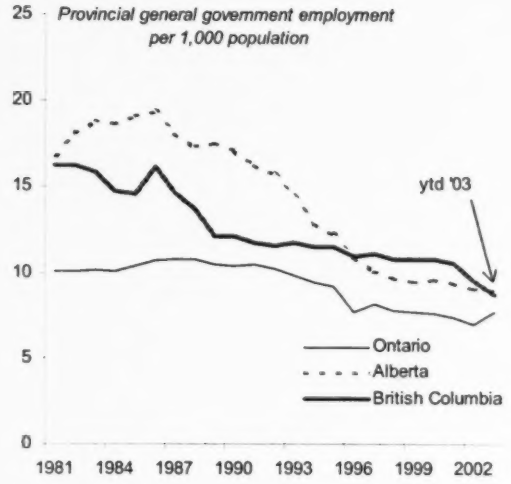


British Columbia's relatively low employment rate is a matter of long standing: the province has traditionally had a fairly lean civil service. With the recent cutbacks, the provincial government employment rate has been brought into line with Alberta's

[2] New Brunswick's employment rate is unusually high because schools are part of the provincial government, rather than being under municipal control, as is the case in the rest of the country.

trimmed-down public service. It remains larger than Ontario's.

The current restructuring in the BC government mirrors what happened in Alberta and Ontario during the 1990s



Bucking the trend in health care and education

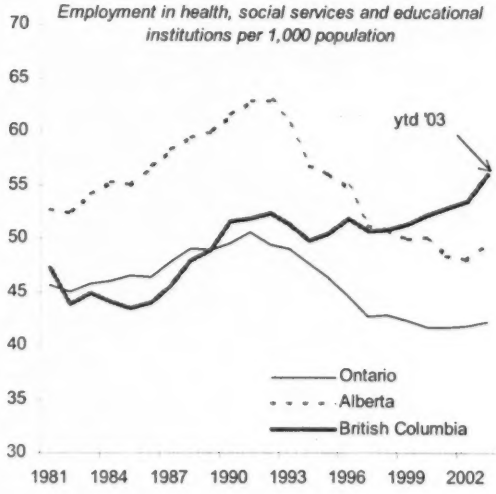
General government is only one of three important functions of the provincial government. It also provides public health care and education services. In most provinces, responsibility for primary and secondary education is given to municipal governments, while hospitals and post-secondary education are the exclusive concern of the provincial government.

Overall, employment in BC's public sector institutions (hospitals, schools and post-secondary institutions) has been increasing faster than the population, and continues to do so. This has not been the case in either Alberta or Ontario, where public sector employment rates in institutions have been declining. This difference is observable for all three types of institutions.

BC's public sector employment rate in health and social services declined during the early 1990s, but since then has been on a slight upward trend. As was the case in the general government sector, the employment rate fell substantially in Alberta and less drastically in Ontario.

Employment at post-secondary institutions has grown faster than the population in BC, partly because the University of Northern BC was opened during the 1990s and partly due to expanding enrolment. However, these factors alone are not enough to explain the job growth that occurred in BC's post-secondary sector during a period when universities and colleges in other parts of the country cut back their workforce substantially. The difference is just as marked when post-secondary employment figures are compared to the population aged 19 to 24 in these provinces.

While Alberta and Ontario have seen employment rates in health care and education decline, the number of jobs in BC's public sector institutions continue to expand



School boards, the dominant employer in the local public sector, also saw employment grow faster than the general, and the school age, population in BC, in sharp contrast to Alberta and Ontario, where there

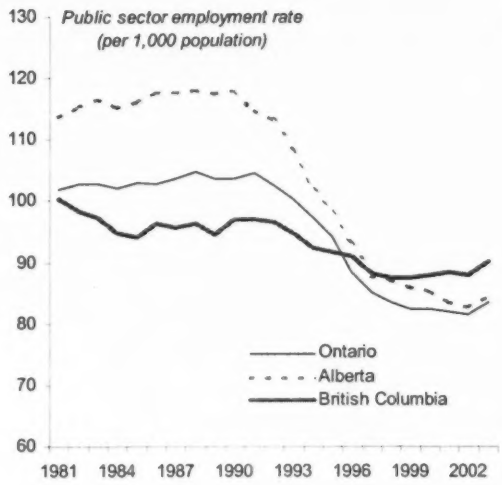
the employment rate in schools has been declining.

Government support for health care and education in BC appears to have insulated these sectors from the downsizing that has occurred in the two "have" provinces. Other factors, such as a greater reliance on part-time work, may also have played a role in this province, but it is unlikely that they explain all of the difference.

The public sector as a whole: how does BC stack up?

Looking at the public sector as a whole (including all three levels of government), BC has the third lowest employment rate in the country, after Alberta and Ontario. However, the public sector is not as lean, comparatively, as it used to be. In 1981, the public sector employment rate in BC was the lowest in the country. Following a decade during which BC stayed the course while changes were implemented in most other provinces, that position has been eroded. Both Alberta and Ontario now have a leaner public sector workforce than in BC.

BC's public sector employment rate is rising, pushed up by the health and education sectors



However, most of the upward pressure on BC's public sector employment rate has come from health care and education, rather than general government activities. The provincial government will likely face growing pressure on its wage bill as long as employment in health care and education continues to expand more rapidly than the population.